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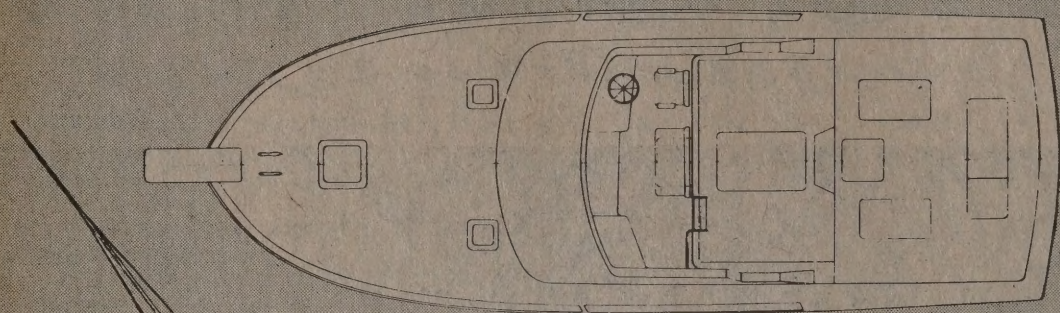
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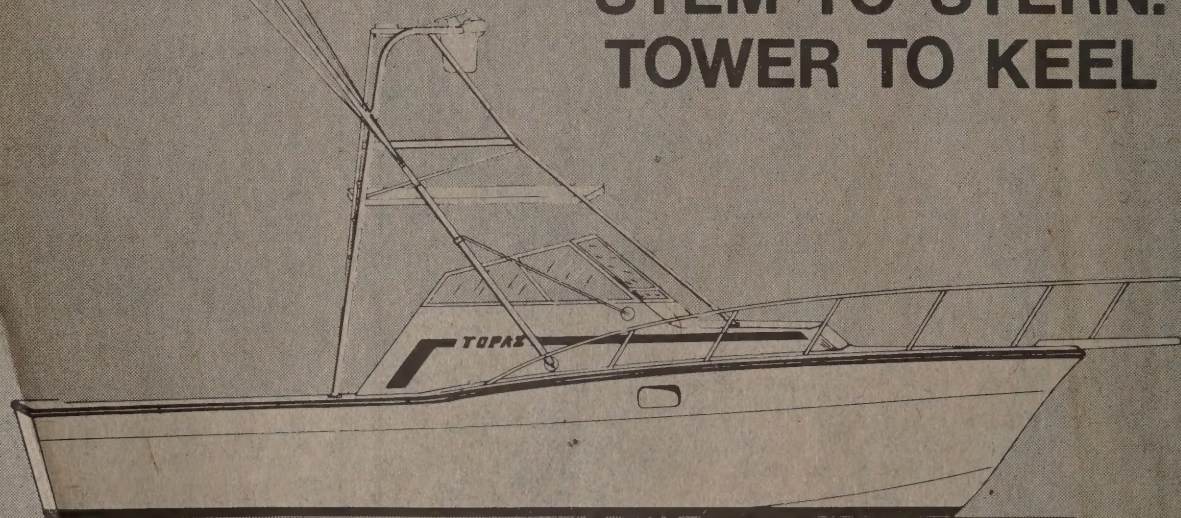
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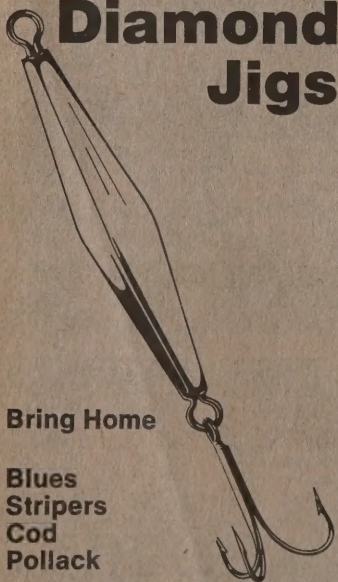
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STRIPED BASS AND THE WESTWAY PROJECT

The striped bass is already under seige from many quarters: pollution on the spawning grounds, overharvest pressure, natural droughts, poor spawning success. Inshore species will usually be on the receiving end of more troubles than species that spend some time further off the coast. Of course, that isn't always the case, but it generally is so since pollution is worse the closer to shore you get and because fishing pressure generally increases the closer to shore you get. Couple these facts with the reality that species like striped bass are constantly close to man and man's civilization, and you are painting a picture of a harassed species.

Little wonder then that the proposed Westway Project (reconstruction of the West Side Highway) should turn out to pose a threat to the Hudson River stock of stripers. In today's world any project that could potentially change habitats and/or ecological relationships is required to be investigated for such potential. Environmental Impact Statements must be prepared by those interested in pursuing the project and then these EIS are reviewed at public hearings and by interested parties. In the case of the Westway Project, a Federal Judge has ruled that there was an intent to misrepresent the data in the EIS prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies. The Judge has insisted that new reports be prepared for review.

The data apparently indicated quite clearly that an area to be filled in for the Highway along Manhattan's west side is an important wintering ground for first and second year striped bass. This information was covered up in the EIS. Fortunately, the actions that approach fraud were discovered and brought to light. This revelation gives environmentalists some time to mount a campaign to prevent the destruction of an apparently important habitat for Hudson River striped bass.

Of course, it is possible that the destruction of this habitat would bring about a change in wintering grounds rather than the death of first and second year fish. However, this possibility and other information is unknown at this time. Therefore, we need time for research and investigation to answer a number of key questions about the impact of the Westway project on the ecology of the lower Hudson River. Striped bass should not be considered the only issue here since many species and the balance of habitats in the Hudson could also be involved.

An honest evaluation is required and it seems that Judge Griesa is willing to do what he can to see that the decision adheres to standards of the highest integrity. From the Judge's point of view that means new Environmental Impact Statements and a fair review in his court. However, a Congressional hearing might be a vehicle for a more expansive and objective appraisal. However, it is not likely that there will be a Congressional hearing unless the people demand it.

It is perhaps wise to be careful not to take this matter too lightly or to assume that Judge Griesa has matters well in hand. It is not appropriate to allow the responsibility for such a potentially important matter to be placed on the shoulders of one or two people. Clearly, we all have a lot to gain or lose and thus it behooves us to express our concerns and desires to appropriate officials. Surely the construction of suitable and efficient highways are important to the economy of our region, yet it must be so that we can build our highways and buildings in such a way as to avoid serious environmental impact. True, it may be slightly more expensive to circumvent ecologically damaging designs, but in the long run concern for our wildlife and their habitats will be a great deal less costly. Thus, we need some vision in these matters and a little less immediate greed replaced by a little intelligent concern, not just for the present, but for future generations and the other creatures we share the planet with. Can such an approach work? Of course it can. We need only be willing to see the long-range picture and to do our part now to ensure that there is a future.

We urge striped bass fishermen and the recreational fishing industry to take a few moments and write to their Congressman and Senators. Also, contact your State Assemblymen and State Senators and ask that they, too, make an effort to learn more about this issue and to exert pressure on the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of New York to proceed with a fair and honest evaluation of the data. Ask your official to seek the time for comprehensive research so that the data will be available for a fair evaluation.

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STATE SENATORS AND ASSEMBLYMEN

See April 22, 1982 issue of LIF for addresses of State Legislators representing New York Metropolitan Area.

ELLIOT J. GOLDMAN—R.I.P.

Recently I had the privilege of attending the annual dinner of the New Jersey Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs in order to receive a life membership in that fine organization. Unfortunately, that honor and the occasion itself were considerably dampened when Captain Dave Hart (chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council) told me that Elliot Goldman has passed away.

Elliot was a well-known and very successful Philadelphia attorney, whose avocation was fishing—particularly in the surf. Over the years he took a great deal of time away from both his profession and sport in order to serve on various commissions involved in regulating and preserving the fisheries. He capped off this service to the fishing public by serving as vice chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council from its inception to his death. Probably no person who ever served on that council was better liked or more respected. Elliot used all his skills to improve sport fishing opportunities will still retaining the trust and admiration of the commercial representatives. He never wavered in his desire to see recreational fishing improve for future generations, and yet he was absolutely fair in his posi-

tion as vice chairman.

Ironically, while Elliot was fighting so hard for the sport fishing cause, he was virtually unable to fish himself in recent years. An arthritic condition prevented him from handling a rod for long. I well remember one June night several years ago when the Council had a meeting in Southampton, New York. After dinner, Elliot and Bill Feinberg (NJ) joined me for a very short striper trolling trip off Montauk. Though he didn't hold the lucky rod that night, Elliot got a real thrill when the plug he was dropping back in the wake was hit right on the surface just yards astern. He probably wouldn't have been able to actually fight that big bass, but Elliot saved the experience and talked about it for years after.

Everyone who came into contact with Elliot Goldman has to miss this great gentleman. None of us welcomes death, but when the time comes we'll all feel more comfortable if we've led a life of public service and dedication to the future needs of others such as Elliot did. He was a credit to his profession and to his avocation, and he'll be missed for many years to come. Hopefully, there's a fishing hole somewhere on the other side of the pearly gates where Elliot can fish without pain and save a few for the rest of us. In the meantime, we'll have fond memories of a man who sacrificed his fishing time on earth in order to ensure better fishing for generations to come.

—Al Ristori

BABYLON TUNA CLUB'S 26TH ANNUAL TUNA, SHARK AND BILLFISH TOURNEY SLATED FOR JULY 24 & 25

The Babylon Tuna Club is pleased to announce its 26th Annual Tuna, Shark & Billfish Tournament to be held at the Babylon Town Dock on July 24 and 25, 1982. All boats entering must be at least 23' in length and equipped with VHF or CB radio.

Three-boat club teams will be competing for club prizes and all anglers may compete for individual prizes. Mooring facilities at the Babylon Town Dock will be available without cost to the tournament participants. Due to limited dock space, berths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

This year's entry fee is \$125 per individual boat and \$300 per 3-boat team (club entry). There will be no additional angler fees. Bait and chum will **not** be provided; however, it will be readily available in the immediate vicinity of the dock, along with fuel.

A captains meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, at 8PM on the town dock. At this time, rules will be explained, questions answered, boat numbers, patches and literature will be distributed. All awards will be made Sunday, July 25 at the dock after the weigh-in.

As in the past, all fish become the property of the tournament to be auctioned at the Town Dock with all

proceeds donated to the **Association for the Help of Retarded Children.**

Saturday evening, following the weigh-in, an optional clambake will take place on the dock. It will be held under a covered patio with tables and chairs provided. The affair will be catered by B&B and will be open to all tournament participants and their guests.

NEW CLUB LOOKING TO EXPAND

A new fishing club, **Al-A-Fish**, is interested in increasing the size of its membership. Area of present members is western Nassau and primary fishing is saltwater, boat and surf.

All interested parties, please contact: **AL-A-FISH**, 1086 VanBuren Ave., Franklin Square, N.Y. 11010.

RESULTS OF BAY SHORE TUNA CLUB MAKO TOURNNEY

The Bay Shore Mako Tournament was held on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, with the following results:

Oakdale Sportmens—2327 points;
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and **Irish Anglers**—895 points.

Mako: Joseph Burger, 292 lbs., Cannonball; Harry Brown, 248 lbs., Happy Hooker; and Herb Sylvester, Jr., 206 lbs., Heat Wave.

Heaviest Shark (not a mako): Wolf Hager, tiger, 486 lbs., Lucky Wolf; Harry Kirscher, dusky, 479 lbs., Misty Helm; and James Parker, dusky, 457 lbs., Small Fry.

The number of boats fishing Saturday was 141, and 123 fished on Sunday.

The number of fish weighed in on Saturday was 83 and on Sunday, 27. The breakdown by species was 36 makos, 56 blues, 10 sandbar, 7 duskies and 1 tiger, for a total of 110 sharks.

N.Y. STATE SPORT FISHING FEDERATION MEETING ON JULY 20

The next meeting of the newly formed N.Y. State Sport Fishing Federation is scheduled for 8PM on Tuesday, July 20 at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. All interested and active clubs are urged to send a representative in the form of the organization's president or any club officer.

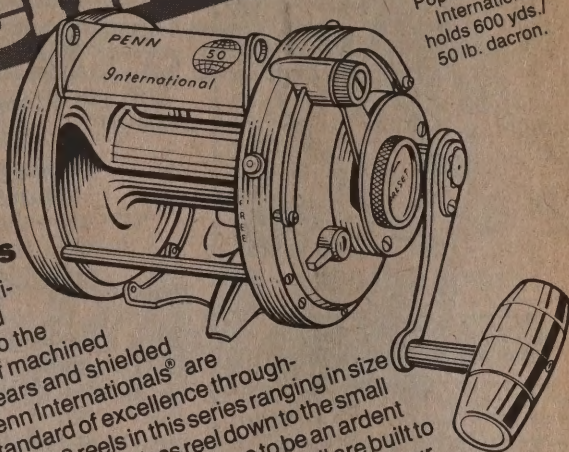
LOUIS FIGURELLI TO SPEAK AT SALT WATER ANGLERS MEETING

On August 17, 1982, the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County are pleased to have Mr. Louis Figurelli, President of the 9,500 paid member strong Natural Resource Protective Association of Staten Island to speak at their meeting. Mr. Figurelli is an environmentalist/fisherman who has been covered in various fishing publications and local newspapers for his vigorous efforts in cleaning up the New York waters. He has gained a reputation for fighting those interests who want to pollute the waters and he has a proven track record of taking

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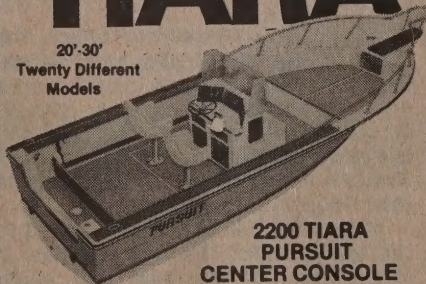
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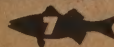
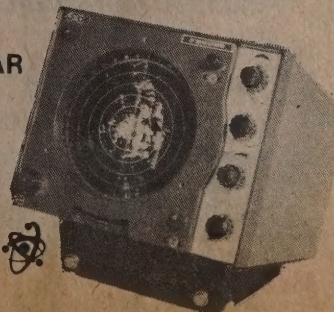
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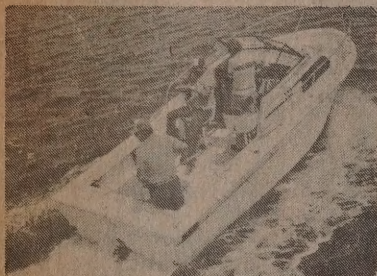
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Anyone interested in additional information concerning Mr. Figurelli or joining the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County can call John Toth at (201) 569-3218 or Al Lorenzo at (201) 796-6572.

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If you're unsure of the weight of your boat and engine, don't guess and run the risk of exceeding your trailer's GVWR. You can have your boat and engine weighed at a local lumber yard, feed and fertilizer store, or truck weigh station.

When you're ready to attach the trailer to the tow vehicle, be sure that the total weight of your loaded trailer does not exceed the capacity marked on your hitch, and that the hitch ball is the right size to match the coupler. You should not use a bumper hitch to tow a boat trailer.

After your trailer is fully secured to the tow vehicle, it's a good idea to check parts of the boat that could move easily in transit. Almost all manufacturers supply complete instructions on tying and supporting the boat on the trailer. In addition to following these instructions (if not recommended), you should note these additional safety precautions:

- Use an extra tie-down rope to hold the boat forward and downward into the bow stop. Don't rely on the winch rope to hold the bow of the boat.

- Lock or tie the boat's outboard in place and leave sufficient road clearance. Don't rely on the boat's steering system to hold the engine in place.

And, finally, before you move, run your trailer through the same check you would your car: tires, lights and brakes. One of the biggest causes of trailer problems is under-inflated tires. Check them when cool and

inflate them to the recommended capacity. All lights should be in good working condition, and if your trailer is large enough to have surge brakes, remember they must be adjusted regularly to compensate for wear, depending on how often you use your trailer.

Once you've followed these important safety precautions and all others that the manufacturer of your trailer may advise, it's a good idea to take a "shakedown cruise" or dry run before setting off down the highway. That way you'll have a good chance of discovering any potential problems within a few miles of home instead of well into your journey.

When you arrive at your favorite waterway, obviously your concern for safety is not over. Before you put out on the water, run your boat through a similar safety checklist: be sure the drain plug is in place, the steering system is working smoothly; the battery is fully charged and the terminals are clean and tight; the electrical equipment is in good working order, and that there are no fumes or leaks from the fuel system.

Remember that you should have at least one life preserver for each person on the boat. Your life preservers should be U.S. Coast Guard approved and, if not worn, within reach—not stored away.

And, finally, remember two cardinal rules of boating:

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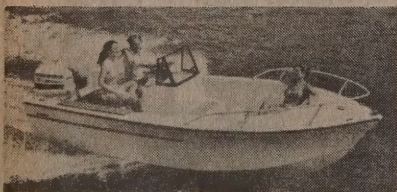
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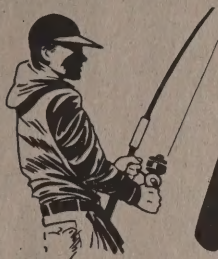
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SUNDOWN SQUETEAGUE

by Gerald Hahn

Many surfmen would argue that trying to land a weakfish is nearly as grueling a task as landing a striper. On the other hand, there are times when more fish are caught from the surf than from boats. Weakfish, for instance, are generally fond of shallow water, and lately they've been active almost exclusively in the evening. Unfortunately, skiff renters must restrict their weakfishing activity to the day, but surfmen fish whenever they want.

Early last summer, surfmen encountered good weakfishing at Mount Sinai and Sound Beach in the mid-Island sector. By seven in the

evening these two Long Island Sound beaches were lined with fifty 8' and 9' rod flailing the water like the spines of an immense sea urchin. The shore line beneath the rods resembled the decks of a party boat on a Saturday morning. One could only guess why the squeteague had decided to hole up here for ten days. The water along here, with its mussel beds, sandy stretches, seaweed and gravel, an occasional boulder in the distance and a number of sand bars, is typical of most north shore beaches. But shrieking terns and gulls revealed a large supply of baitfish trapped in-shore and tidal changes coinciding

with dusk, created just the right conditions for predators to move within casting range. Reasons enough.

Accompanying the 8' and 9' rods were a variety of reels, ranging from the standard Garcia 306 to contemporary skirted spool models, such as the Penn 650 and the Ryobi GX50. Light lines of around 10 lb. test made casting small lures easier, the most popular lure being the Tri-Fin Spoon Jig—a bent silver spoon with a white split-tail tube. Perhaps this lure was favored because it casts so far. It also catches fish. But other lures were in evidence, as well, and quite effective: leadhead with soft plastic tails in white, small diamond jigs and the old standby, the all-white bucktail. Although squeteague are known to be fond of red, yellow and grape colors, their favorites here were silver and white. All of these lures weighed under an ounce.

Manipulating the rod, the reels and the lures were the surfmen, some fishing bare-chested and others decked out in the full regalia of waders, surf bags, night-lights, and short-handled gaffs. Just beyond casting range, a fleet of private boats was spread out over the 20' or 30' depths. The boat fishermen, fishing silently at anchor, ominously faced the surf fishermen, as if anticipating a shootout at the O.K. Corral. The real battle would soon take place below, however.

Several hits suddenly came from the west end first, as from the bow of a head boat, and anglers with rods bending over, soon were dodging one another's lines. Three weaks under 5 lbs. were beached while an 8 lber. was gaffed in waist-high water. Shortly, however, fish were bending rods at various arbitrary points along this one mile stretch of beach, and just as the horizon embraced the sun, I was graced with a weak. Holding the rod high to keep the line clear of weeds and jagged rocks, I fortuitously managed to beach the fish without so much as a tangle. By 9:30 p.m., it was all over; but on successive evenings, with the tide changing an hour or so later, more action took place at night. A few fishermen had brought bait along as well, not for the weaks, but for bass. Of those who doggedly remained for bass—an effort most fishermen would consider futile—only one would land a striper in the 10 to 20 lb. class.

Actually, weaks may also be taken from the surf with bait. Once darkness descends at the shore, there are times when more weakfish are



Sundown proved to be the magic hour for north shore weaks last summer.

caught with bait than with lures. In general, weaks are not fond of speed swimming for artificials, and anglers must use a gentle retrieve accompanied by an equally gentle nodding of the rod tip. Everything moves at a snail's pace when fishing for weaks. Even more so at night when the slow moving weaks are reduced to a crawl, and other senses, such as taste and smell, take over. Thus, the angler who wants to catch weakfish at night should bring along appropriate rigs and a good supply of bait.

An appropriate rig for weakfish consists of a 2/0 Beak hook on a snelled leader of 30 lb. test. A 2' leader is better for casting than the long leader normally employed by boat fishermen. The snelled hook is tied to a dropper loop on the main line, about 3" to 6" above an end loop for the sinker. At Mount Sinai and Sound Beach, 2 or 3 oz. is adequate most of the time. When fishing the bottom with bait on the north shore, a heavier line is better than the light line used with small lures. A line of 15 to 20 lb. test will hold a heavy sinker; moreover, it will hold up against the rough bottom formations often found on the north shore.

A whole sandworm makes an excellent bait for weakfishing at night. The worm is carefully threaded on the hook and over the eye, thereby allowing the long tail to perform a spiral dance in the current. Likewise, a luminous strip of squid with the

speckled skin removed is an attractive bait for night-prowling weaks. The strip is most effective when cut into a long thin triangle, about 3" long by 1/2" wide and tapered to a fine point. This bait is best secured by impaling the hook near the wide end, then pushing the squid slightly up the shank and impaling it again. Like the worm, most of the squid dangles below the point when hooked this way.

Other baits worth trying are strips cut from such oily fish as menhaden or mackerel, in the same fashion as squid strips. Since weakfish are also active on summer nights, yet another excellent bait is a live-lined snapper, which by then are abundant. Bring along ultra-light gear and a small metal lure (1/2 oz. or under), and while there is still light, you can catch your own bait. As soon as you catch a snapper, transfer it to your weakfish rig, by hooking it in the shoulder, and make your cast. Hooked snappers are livelier when the sinker is removed. In fact, any bait on a floating rig is deadly on the outgoing tide, providing you leave the bail open after casting. The current will pull the bait to deep water.

Unfortunately, crabs, sand sharks and other scavengers are just as active at night as in the day, and therefore the bait should be checked at regular intervals. Some anglers try to offset this problem by mounting a cork float on the leader.

When fishing for weaks with bait or with lures, the drag on the reel should be set light. Despite recent arguments to the contrary, the weak's lower jaw may be as tough as a blue's, but the roof of his mouth is as fragile as tissue paper, and leadhead lures always swim with their hooks facing up. On the north shore, good weak-fishing spots generally are near offshore boulders and dropoffs near sand bars. These two types of bottom formations are well-distributed around Mount Sinai and Sound Beach.

No matter where you search out summer weaks, wind direction should be considered. Southerly breezes, for instance, make it comfortable for the angler but create water as flat as a stagnant pond. Even worse are north-easterly winds that tear up the marine vegetation and bring a poor harvest for the weakfish farmer. The best conditions are when mild breezes come from the west. A point of land at Mount Sinai blocks the wind just enough to stir the water moderately.

Each season, the weakfish take one shore or another, and consult the surf reports in this magazine helps you locate them. Even though these reports are generally four or five days old, the fish often stay in longer periods. Tackle and technique may vary from place to place, but a single strand that unites productive weakfishing from fishing for them at sundown

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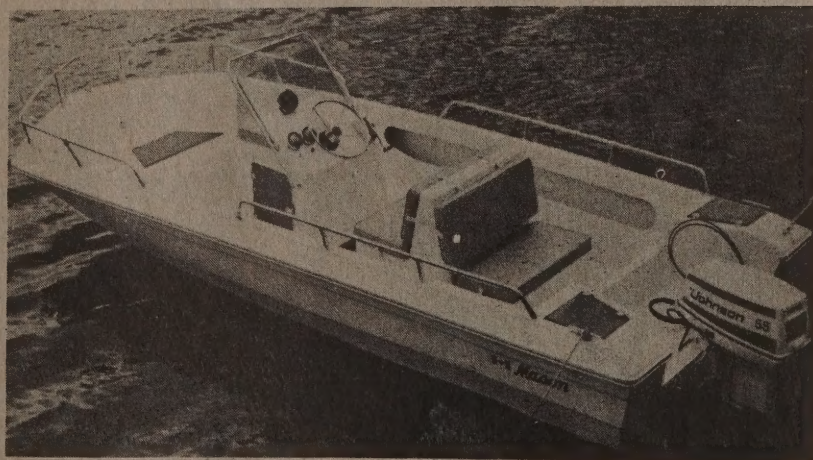
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SUMMER WEAKEFISH: THE RIGHT BAIT AT THE RIGHT TIME!

by William A. Muller

Most summer run weaks come smaller than their spring counterparts but being prepared for both will help put more fish in the boat.

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A wise man once said that opportunity knocks only once. Although I'm not sure that I agree with that in terms of most areas of life, when it comes to fishing I believe that phrase to be regnant with truth.

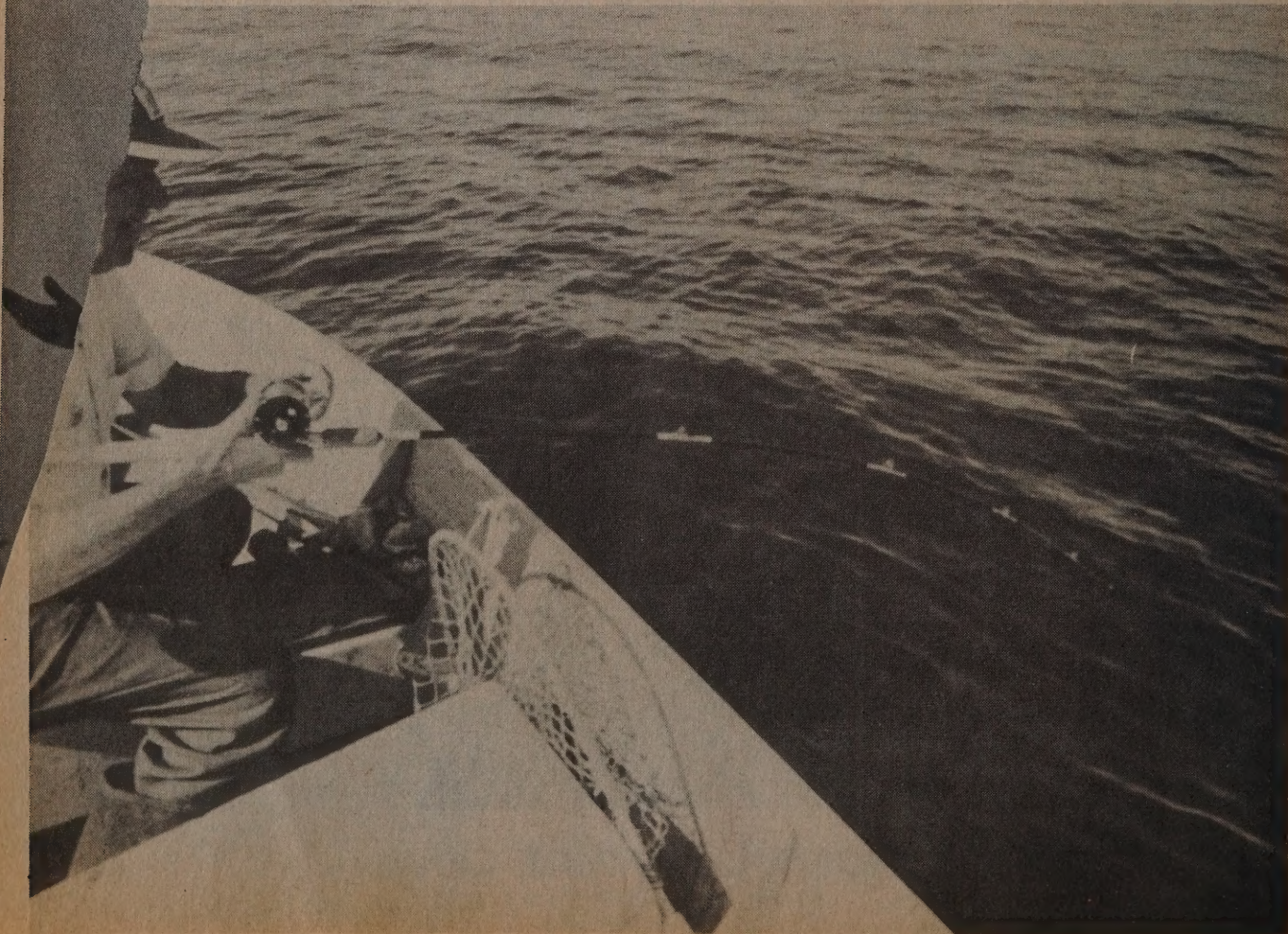
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Therefore, a fisherman who catches consistently needs to be an opportunist and a person learns early in his or her fishing career that one take advantage of opportunities present themselves only if one is prepared. Prepared for what? How? Well, the why has already been stated but the what and the how are less clear. The What: to be prepared for a school of fish that swims off, briefly bites, and then

swims off where they can't be found. To catch them good! The how involves technique and equipment.

One can approach almost any type of fishing this way, and there are those expert anglers who insist that we must on every occasion. I won't disagree, but for me, the inshore angler, there are a few situations that come to mind as especially fitting and germane to the discussion. If I had to focus in on one it would be summer weakfishing. As with any other fishing situation there are days and times when the fish bite so good that an angler has a need for very little skill, but let's face it, those days are so few and far between that even hard

fishing fishermen can only expect one or two every few years.

I'd like to further refine the discussion to focus on summer weakfish in Great South Bay. I make this choice over Peconic Bay, Long Island Sound, Montauk, and New York Bight for several reasons. One of the key reasons is that in Great South Bay environs you will expect to find a mix of large tiderunners and the smaller summer run fish. In Peconic Bay in summer there are very few spring tide runners left; so few that it isn't worth the effort needed to find them. In Long Island Sound you only have the tiderunners of spring and if there are any small fish around they are not a



The water is calm, the boat small and this angler is surprised by a tiderunner while fishing for summer run fish.

summer run that invades in mid-July but simply smaller fish that arrive in May and stick around. Much the same is true of Montauk. New York Bight is generally a fall run of fish and there generally is no good run of smaller summer fish.

The eastern Great South Bay is a very unique body of water because it combines vast expanses of shallow flats, deep channels, and a short wide inlet to the ocean. In some ways, the eastern Great South Bay is similar to the flats near islands in the Caribbean. That is, there are times when game fish move up near and onto the flats because often these shallows abound with a variety of invertebrate life as well as bait fish. Although the water is skinny the fish can be persuaded to move near the flats because there is so much food there. Then, even if the days are very hot and the boat traffic heavy these same game fish can swim a very short distance and find safety in the criss-crossing maze of channels that in some places can be 30' or more deep.

The big spring tiderunners are no different than smaller fish of late season. These large spawners move in to renew the cycle of life for their species and when they complete this chore there is a lot of eating to do to build fat and tissue levels back to normal. Now it is true that most of these big spring fish swim out into the ocean, but in this part of the south shore they don't seem to go too far. I say this because these same big fish, or at least we think them to be the same big fish, appear at Democrat and across the channel at the Sore Thumb sometime(s) during the summer. Further, as we know, some of these fish move up into the east end of the channel towards the old light-house where anglers take them from boats with 'live snappers and live bunker. Here and there schools of big fish pop up at lots of places deep in the eastern bay all summer and into the fall.

These schools of bigger fish aren't as vast as in springtime and if we had to rely on the tiderunners most fishermen would probably not spend too much time looking for them except where they congregate for very brief stints. However, by mid-July the big fish are joined by their younger cousins from the south. These fish, ranging in size from 1-3 lbs. with an occasional 4 lber. in the group, swarm up the East Coast from the Carolinas the scientists tell us, and spend the summer feeding in our back bays. Now, the combination of both bodies of fish provide a biomass that is worth working over. The approach tends to go along one or two directions: those who seek the bigger fish near the inlet with trolled contraptions or live-line small fish to big tiderunners and those who stay deeper in the bay and fish with bait. Usually the bait is worms, but squid, grass shrimp, and even the jelly worm are also used with

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This angler was prepared with a wide mouth net.

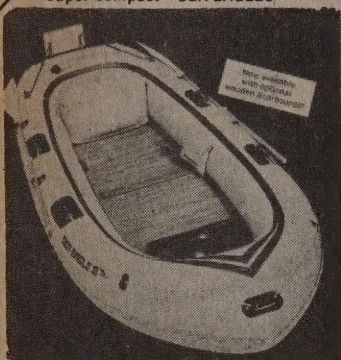


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regularity. Generally, anglers using these differing approaches are several miles apart and they differ, too, with respect to their original premise. That is, one group gears up for and expects to catch summer run fish in some numbers, while the other expects fewer fish but the ones they catch are expected to be bragging size. Neither group complains much if the wrong sized fish find their way into their boats because the fishermen expecting small fish look upon the tide-runners as a bonus, while hitting into a big school of smaller fish when you're looking for a few biggies adds considerable action to what may often be a long vigil.

However, the fact that the "wrong sized" fish can show up in the "wrong place" bring us back to the original premise. Namely be prepared for opportunity when it knocks. Suppose you're drifting near the lighthouse with a small live bunker and although you get picked up repeatedly you can't sink a hook no matter how long you dropback. Under these circumstances, there is a very good chance that these are small summer run fish; big enough to be interested but not big enough to finish the job. If the only tackle on board is geared for big fish, you may find yourself confronted with the very real likelihood that you'll not catch a fish. First, because the little fish are much more aggressive than the big ones and chances are the little critters will beat the big guys to the bait every time, and second, because the little guys will not likely get hooked.

Much the same fate can await the seeker of summer run fish if he or she isn't prepared! The rods and reel will probably be light, so will the line and the leaders, the hooks will be small, and the net may be nonexistent or with a mouth too small to take a tiderunner. However, if there is another rod on board ready with the standard spring-rigged jelly worm, and either a net or gaff that's up to the task, then opportunity can be taken advantage of. I like to go even one step further and thoroughly expect that during the course of a day's fishing I will come across either some little guys if I'm looking big, or big guys if I'm looking small. Thus, while the squid strip or sand worm flutters somewhere behind the boat so, too does a snapper connected to a slightly tougher rod and reel. At the Sore Thumb there is the light wand with a small tin or a 4" plastic worm, or even a small bucktail tipped with squid. When the little guys show up the umbrella rigs can be hauled in, the live bunker given a respite in the bait well, and the large plugs allowed to dry in the air!

You can also add other subtle complications to the day's fishing. Those same waters contain a good supply of fluke in all sizes and those toothed beasts are not shy about hitting a worm, a squid strip, an umbrella tube that bounces on the sand, or a bucktail that is jigged near

the bottom. We could get crazy here and talk about even more tackle to help the angler feast on a surprise school of fluke, but we won't because the tackle already onboard can be modified for the task at hand. There are also kingfish and blowfish in recent years that will move in on bait fishermen. Yet the scenario here remains the same as above and we adapt what we have rather than burden down the boat with every rod and reel we have.

Subtle differences can also be kept in the family. That is, what about the weakfish themselves? One day the summer run will prefer a sand worm, but at other times they'll want the squid strip. It helps to have both. We recall two years ago when schools of squid swam up the inlet. Along with them came a heavy run of small weaks, a good slug of bigger ones, and for a few weeks fishermen had their hands full from Heckscher and points east right out to the whistle buoy. With domestic fishermen now taking greater quantities of squid and selling them to the Japanese, we don't know whether that phenomena will recur, but it pays to be prepared.

Chumming with, and baiting a hook, with grass shrimp while poised near a drain is a specialized technique that may not be for everybody, but those dedicated purists who pursue weakfish each year with this approach may also find a few surprises under their Christmas trees. Almost anything that swims likes grass shrimp and thus one can expect intruders such as blues, fluke, kings and even striped bass. Two years ago when the squid were abundant in the bay, shrimp chummers who plied their skills at dusk and in the dark found squid stealing the shrimp right off the hooks. A shrimp baited hook rarely was carried past the hungry squid to tempt a weak, but the squid that robbed the baited hook also attracted larger creatures such as tiderunners and cow-sized bass. A snagged squid, rehooked, and then allowed to drift back with the tide would sooner or later be found by a bigger predator. One summer night in that year we watched as four truly huge bass rolled among squid within feet of us in water that under most circumstances would be considered far too skinny for fish of such size.

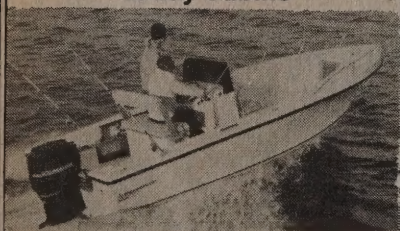
In addition to all of these changes and variations in the fishing season, there are even more surprises that await us in each new season. Perhaps it is the unexpected that makes fishing the great sport it is and why no matter how many fish we catch we still eagerly look forward to every new season with the wide-eyed enthusiasm of a child. Whatever the reasons for our relentless thirst for more fishing, Nature always finds a few new ways to throw the curve ball. If we're ready and therefore prepared, the chances are that we'll see that curve ball coming, flex our muscles in the correct pattern, and be able to hit that ball over the fence.

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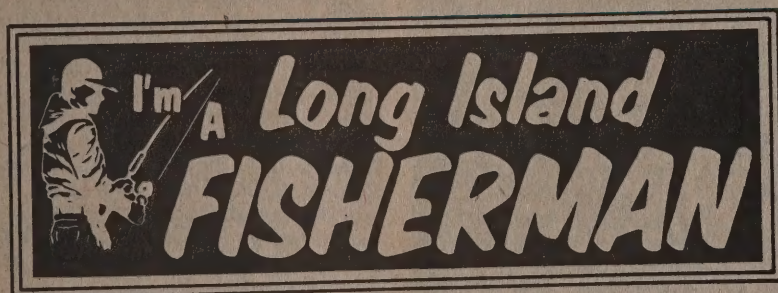
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SUMMER DOLDRUMS MEAN BIG STRIPERS

by Jason Colby

The summer surf can yield some of the biggest bass of the year according to this beach rat.

It is reasonable to figure that someone who isn't fishing, isn't catching any fish. Further, when one puts a "summer doldrum" on the scale, I doubt that the needle will move very far. Granted, there are better times for surf casting than deep summer,

but that is still no excuse for getting a good night's sleep. So stock up on the Visine and No-Doze; then read on.

In shallow water situations, summer game fish become almost exclusively nocturnal. As a matter of fact, the deeper into the night, the better.

First light is also good in the plugging game, but after dawn, bait is a surer ticket to success.

In reality, you need not go totally sleepless to fish effectively night after night with a nine to five work week. All one needs to do is to re-arrange his (or her) sleep schedule so it doesn't conflict with either work or fishing (two absolute necessities). By going to sleep shortly after getting home and sleeping until midnight, you can get five or six hours of shut-eye and be fresh and ready to do battle for the rest of the night. Have your "breakfast" on awakening, fish until dawn, come home to a nice hot shower and a cold lunch (or vice versa!), then go to work. At work, change your lunch hour into your dinner hour and when you come home (while everyone else is having dinner) you can have milk and cookies before going to bed.

Problems? Okay; the wife objects, the kids need help with their homework and your friends want you to go bowling! What do you do? Compromise! Make a deal! Alternate weeks, one for yourself (and fishing) and one for everyone else. This is fair, reasonable and leaves you without excuses for goofing off during the summer doldrums. What's best is you may get in on some of the biggest fish of the year!

A common misconception is that the average fish of the summer is smaller than those of the fall run and, therefore, lighter tackle should be used. Actually, in some years, I've seen more bass over 40 during the July/August period than the spring and fall runs combined. Therefore, I can only suggest that you use the same 11½', 20 lb. outfit that does the job the rest of the year. If you wish to take your chances with something lighter...you have been warned!

Other equipment includes a neck-light, waders, creepers, rubber top, belt, rope (stringer), gaff, plug bag and, of course, bug juice for nights of little or no wind. The best plugs I've found are on opposite ends of the size scale. On the small side are the Rebels and RedFins in the 5" range and on the large side are the giant jointed Pikies. Colors are a matter of conditions: the darker the night, the



Surfcaster applies pressure to a big cow under the cover of darkness.
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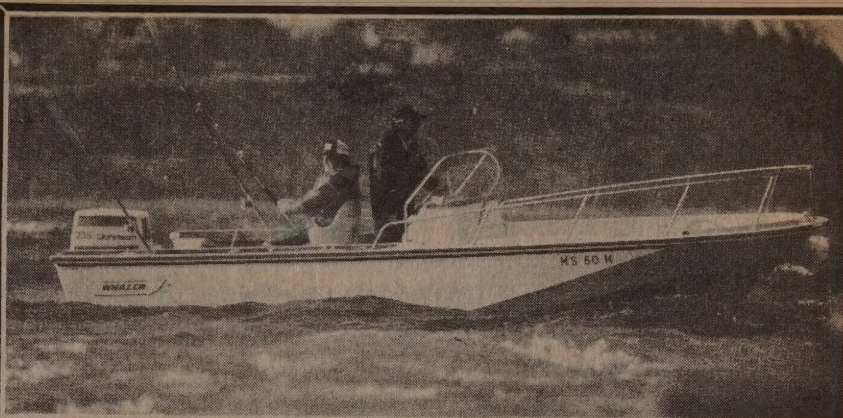
darker the plug. Moonlit nights are best for color patterns that match specific bait species.

One thing is for certain these days: most of us would like every available advantage. A few years ago, I did some experimenting with droppers. Now I don't plug cast without one (except when bluefish are present). A 5/0 Mustad #92553-S is an excellent dropper hook to which you should wrap 4 or 5 long (about 4") saddle hackle feathers of appropriate colors (same color rules as with plugs). To make a good dropper-plug leader (use 40 lb. leader material), tie a 50 lb. duo-lock snap on one end and about 18" up, clinch knot a 75 lb. black swivel leaving a very long (about 10") tag end. Tie your dropper to the tag end (ending up 6" from the swivel) and watch it stand almost tangle-free. The reason for the dropper's success comes from nature. Predatory fish instinctively zero in on what's most available; in recent years we have had a "population boom" in the sand eel department. Enter the dropper. It always amazes me how a bass so large can fall to something so small, but the fact remains that uncounted dozens of 50s (and even a few 60s) were taken on droppers between Long Island and Cape Cod in the last 4 years alone.

There is a good reason for my not having mentioned locations as of yet: **anywhere** there is good potential for success in the spring and fall runs has potential in the summer too. Striped bass (blues and weaks, too) can be caught from at least 90% of all rock piles; seawalls, inlet, back bay areas and beaches at some time during the summer. The major problem is the lack of consistency. Boat traffic, bathers, water temperatures, oxygen levels, bait movement, etc., tend to make the fish move around a lot.

In late July of '78, my friend Al and I found fish on five consecutive nights casting from Long Beach jetty. It wasn't a blitz, but we had two or three fish in the 30s and 40 each night while nobody else seemed to be doing much. All this apparently got a few people a little edgy. One of them was this guy named Jim whom I had known for years to have fished hard with somewhat unfortunate results. Feeling exceptionally generous with such a "sure thing," I told Jim where we were fishing and that he might do something 3 or 4 jetties down the beach (I didn't want him to be too close as it wouldn't be fair to Al). The score that night? Al and Jason ("sure things"): 0. Jim Fallon: 3 fish (13, 38 and 58 lbs.). Never trust striped bass.

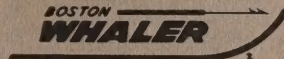
I will leave you (for now) with a few thoughts and suggestions. First, as always keep your hooks sharp as with these plugs, even a relatively small fish can gain leverage to bend a hook if it isn't sunk to the max. Move around a lot and when you do find fish, pound them hard as you may not get another chance until the fall. Finally...LEARN to love the wind, for regardless of direction and speed, you can make it work for you.



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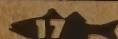
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FAR OUT FLUKE

by Andy Regina

New York Bight fluke provide a pleasant homecoming for this western Long Island Sound staffer.

It had been many years since I had last seen the Bay, more years than I cared to recall. Born and bred in the Bronx, I nevertheless put in many years in Sheepshead Bay, spending lots of time at my aunt's bungalow on Bragg St., near Plum Beach. It began with summer vacations; then, as I grew to love fishing more and more, it blossomed out to include weekends, holidays, and every other chance I could get to go there. Going to Brooklyn Tech High School saw me grow into an expert hooky player; keeping a rod and reel at my aunt's place made it all but impossible to resist skipping out after home room attendance was checked, and a short subway ride soon had me in my true element again. If I couldn't hack the cost of party boat fares, there was always a ready dock or seawall handy, or the beach itself; many times the ferry carried me out to Rockaway for a nickel, where the long hike to the Breezy Point jetty was a mere labor of love to the fish-crazy kid I was during those halcyon days of my youth.

Even after I grew up and raised a family of my own, I still got back to the Bay several times each year, managing to space my trips to encompass a large variety of fish. In the spring, it was flounder, mackerel, blackfish, whiting, and ling; summers saw me luxuriating in fluke and bluefish, still my two favorite species; the fall had tuna, albacore and bonito, if you were lucky, and, once again, blackfish, whiting, and ling. Winter-time was codfish time, as far as I was concerned, and every trip from Thanksgiving Day till St. Paddy's Day was spent seeking cod.

I lost touch with the Bay after I lost my car; my job had me working on Saturday and Sunday, the two days that all my fishing pals had off, so I couldn't ride out with anyone, and the long subway trip from the Bronx was no longer easy for me, not even on the mid-week day off that I had. Rather than go without fishing at all, I started going on the party boats in the Bronx, and grew to love Long Island Sound to the point of exclusion of anywhere else. But there's something about the Atlantic Ocean that gets into your blood, I guess, and back in my subconscious mind I missed those off-shore trips of long ago. That's why I leaped at the chance to get back to the Bay, one day when my son, Steve, was on his summer vacation, and

made that suggestion.

We got out to Sheepshead Bay very early in the morning, but it bustled with activity, as cars cruised along Emmons Avenue, looking for prized parking places. The mates and captains still stood at the curb, loudly extolling the virtues of their respective boats, and the sidewalks, coffee shops, and tackle shops were beehives of activity, as fisherpersons of all ages and both sexes bustled to and fro. We had our plans all set. We were going to sail with Captain Butch Rafi, of the Zephyr, for fluke; so we

pulled into his lot, crossed the busy street, chatted with him for a moment, stowed our gear aboard, and went for a quick cup of coffee before we departed.

Leaving the Breezy Point jetty in our port side wake, we crossed the shipping lanes of the New York Bight and headed southwest towards the New Jersey shore. Today we'd be giving the fluke off the Jersey Highlands and Sandy Hook a look at our baits; the reports were heartening, as news of lots of fluke taken at these perennial hotspots emanated from the



A nice fluke is lifted out of the landing net. A net should always be used to land decent-sized fluke because they have a habit of shaking off the hook when lifted out of the water.

ship's loudspeaker. As Butch briefed, us, he reminded one and all about the New York State legal size limit for fluke, and asked us to comply by gently releasing any fluke less than fourteen inches in length. This size, incidentally, was not decided upon indiscriminately by the Conservation people; it takes fluke two or three years to reach this length, and by that time they have been able to have already spawned at least once, maybe more for the lucky ones. So, by giving these fish a chance to reproduce, we can assure ourselves of a continuing fishery.

As we approached the familiar sandy beaches of New Jersey's famous Sandy Hook, the mates busied themselves on deck, making sure that everyone was rigged properly, and that enough fresh bait was placed in locations convenient to every three or four anglers. Butch is a stickler about bait, and is a firm believer in freshness. There was no frozen bait used that day, or any other day for that matter, only fresh-caught spearing, sand eels, and local squid, purchased from small local commercial men and kept on ice to maintain them at

just-caught freshness. Although the fluke had been gorging on the overabundant supply of sand eels, smart fishermen like Butch realize that bait availability or preference can change at short notice; at times the subtle difference of a tidal change can paint a whole new picture in feeding habits. Like I said, the smart fishermen realize this, and always go prepared with more than just one type of bait. If the fluke refuse the sand eels, we switch to spearing, or killies, or strips of squid, or a combination of these, and usually catch our fair share of fish. The guys who venture forth with frozen stuff, or only one type of bait, can and do get shut out quite often.

As with any other fish, knowledge of fluke habits and life styles can help you to improve your catch, and the more you know and understand any species you seek, the better your chances will be. The fluke or summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus*) is a member of a large family of fish called flatfish, which includes the winter flounder, halibut, sole of all type, and the lowly sundial, or windowpane flounder. After hatching this fish undergoes a remarkable Jekyll and

Hyde change in appearance as it matures, as one of its eyes turns around on its head, to rest alongside the other eye, as its body flattens out into that familiar, flatfish shape. A born predator all the way, the fluke is equipped with a wide mouth full of sharp teeth, and devours live prey—small baitfish, crabs, shrimp, and squid. It lies in silent wait on the bottom, white side down and partly buried under the sand, with the camouflaged dark side up and its eyes both looking upwards. When unwary bait passes nearby, the fluke blasts out of its hidden ambush and engulfs the prey in its bucket-sized mouth, maintaining a firm grasp on it with its sharp, pointed teeth.

Masters of camouflage and ambush techniques, fluke lie in wait where they know baitfish are prevalent, usually on the down-tide edges of rises, troughs, or underwater reefs, all favorite baitfish structure. Large, doormat-sized fluke frequent underwater wrecks for the same reason, and inlets often harbor great concentrations of fluke that feed on many different baits that pass in and out of the ocean or bay with every change in tide. Another favorite haunt is along sandy beaches, where shoals of baitfish seek the imagined protection of extremely shallow water.

Now that you know where to search for fluke, and what to use for bait, let's talk about rigging and fishing techniques. To lend lifelike movement to fresh, dead bait, most fluke fishing is done while drifting, which also offers greater coverage of more possibly potential fluke holding areas. Fluke can also be caught by slowly trolling lures or baits on or near the bottom, and by casting and retrieving lures or bait from a fixed position, either from shore or an anchored boat. Our party boats all usually drift for fluke, providing greater opportunity to the many fishermen aboard. At times this mass drifting actually elicits greater response, as it closely resembles a large school of bait passing by.

A large, size 3/0 hook, affixed to a long, 3' to 4' leader, is attached directly to the line, about 3" to 5" above a bank sinker heavy enough to keep the rig on the bottom. Small baitfish such as dead sand eels or spearing are hung on the hook by the eyes; live bait, such as small killifish, are usually hooked through both lips, from the bottom up. Both techniques present a lifelike swimming appearance to the bait. If squid strips or, at times, strips of fresh fish flesh are used, they are usually cut into pennant-like lengths of about 4" or 5" and hooked once through the wide end, leaving the tapered, flexible length to undulate seductively in the currents below.

The rig is lowered to the bottom and held there, allowed to bump along as the boat drifts; wind and tide will determine the rate and direction of your drift, and most skippers will

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Happy angler proudly displays his catch, made possible through cooperation and coordination between angler and mate. Keep fish below the surface and lead it into the open net, head first, until mate is ready to do the honors.

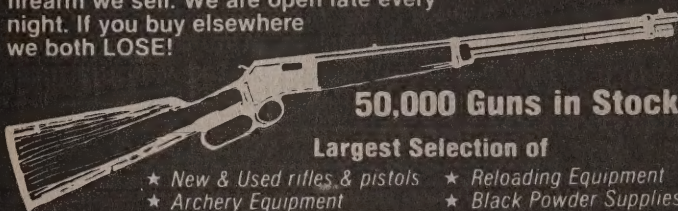
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alternate drifts so that both sides of the boat get equal opportunity to fish the favored down-drift position, where the lines stream away from the boat. I still prefer the up-drift side anyway, and keep a short line dragging under the boat, which not only prevents tangles with lines from the opposite side, but seems to give me greater line control and a keener sense of touch as I get first crack at the fluke we come across.

A fluke bite is generally noted first as a weight, or "something stuck" on your line; a gentle, long lift of the rod will let you know if fish is on or not, denoted by gentle tugs on the line. Normal reaction is to set the hook and start reeling in line, but knowledgeable fluke fishermen immediately release a few feet of line instead, as a sort of dropback, to give the fluke ample time to actually swallow the bait. If the fish is dropped at that point, it can usually be coaxed into taking the bait again merely by letting your line drop down to the bottom again. Once the fish is felt to be solidly hooked, which can be accomplished merely by steadily reeling your line in without yanking it, the fish should be worked slowly and steadily to the surface. The fluke should never be lifted bodily out of the water because they have a nasty habit of shaking off the hook at this attempt. A landing net should always be used at this juncture; with the fish held slightly below the surface of the water, the net is lowered quietly nearby and the angler guides or steers his hooked fish into the net opening, whereupon the person doing the honors has only to lift the net up and out of the water.

Our very first drift along Sandy Hook's clean beaches saw a great many fluke caught and safely landed that day. Subsequent drifts were mirror images of our initial success, as everyone aboard soon had a few keeper-size fish in their buckets; the small, undersized fluke were gently unhooked and harmlessly released by the efficient mates. A short trip brought us off the Jersey Highlands, where somewhat larger fluke were taken from the uneven, broken bottom there. To add some spice to our fishing life, and also some variety to our stringers, some small bluefish in the 2 lb. class were caught on the fluke baits also. I enjoyed the rare privilege of catching my two most favored species on the same drift, as first a small bluefish took my sand eel bait, followed by a nice 3 or 4 lb. fluke on my very next drop.

But the name of the game that day was fluke, and by the time that Butch's three whistles told us it was all over, we were more than satisfied. And as the mates rendered our fluke into a batch of fine fillets, to be enjoyed later on, fried to a golden brown and washed down with a cold brew, I was happy that I had been lucky enough to be able to get out to Sheephead Bay once again, for a shot at my far-out fluke!

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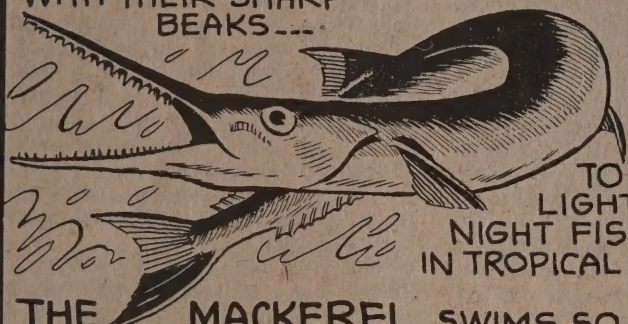
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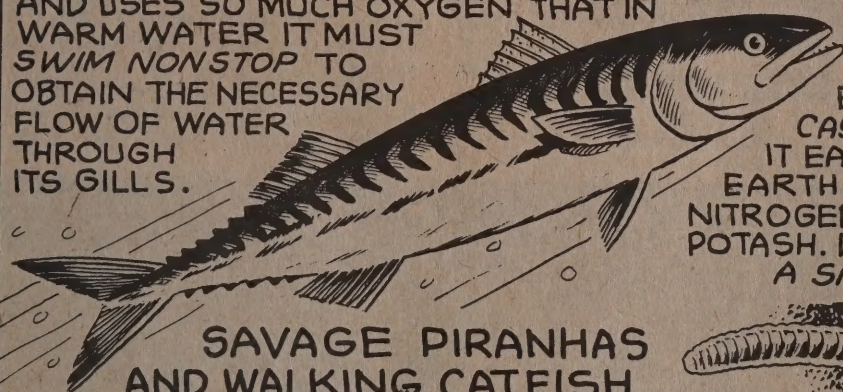
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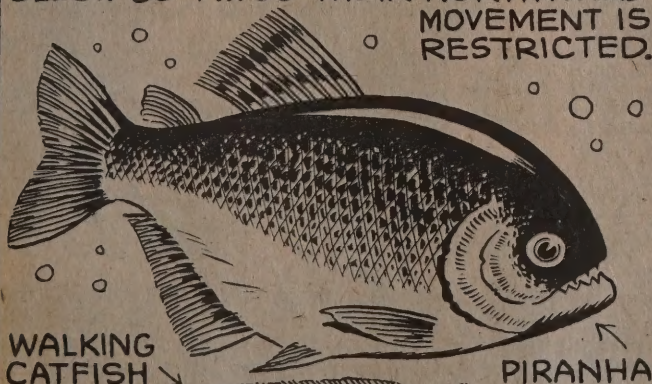


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BEAT BITING BUGS

by George Linnane

Unfortunately for anglers, bugs come to life at the same time fishing does. After many expeditions to northern New England's forests and streams, I learned some answers to the insect problem. In addition, much advice and assistance was received from a U.S. Forest Service entomologist who holds a Master's degree from the University of Maine Forestry School. We have combined our information to give fellow sufferers some help in the battle against the biting bugs.

The following solutions are offered to defeat the pests: 1. Cream or liquid repellents with a high DEET content, also known as fly dope, applied to exposed skin, are a must. 2. Protective clothing. 3. No sweet-smelling deodorants, hair sprays or perfumes. 4. A knowledge of the pests' habits, breeding and emergence periods, particularly the black flies, the worst of a bad lot. 5. Eventual immunity developed after exposure.

Modern rub-on cream and liquid repellents are very effective. They must have a high percent of DEET, the common name for a new, but unpronounceable chemical breakthrough: N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide. Some trade names are Ben's 100, Repel, Off, Muskol, Cutter's 6-12 and Never-Bite. Pretty nearly all of them come in cream or liquid form in small dispensers that may be carried on the person into bug territory. They are effective up to three hours depending on DEET content. Rub on face, neck, ears, nose, forehead, hands, wrists and ankles. Keep it away from the eyes and other sensitive areas of the anatomy. If possible, wash your hands after use.

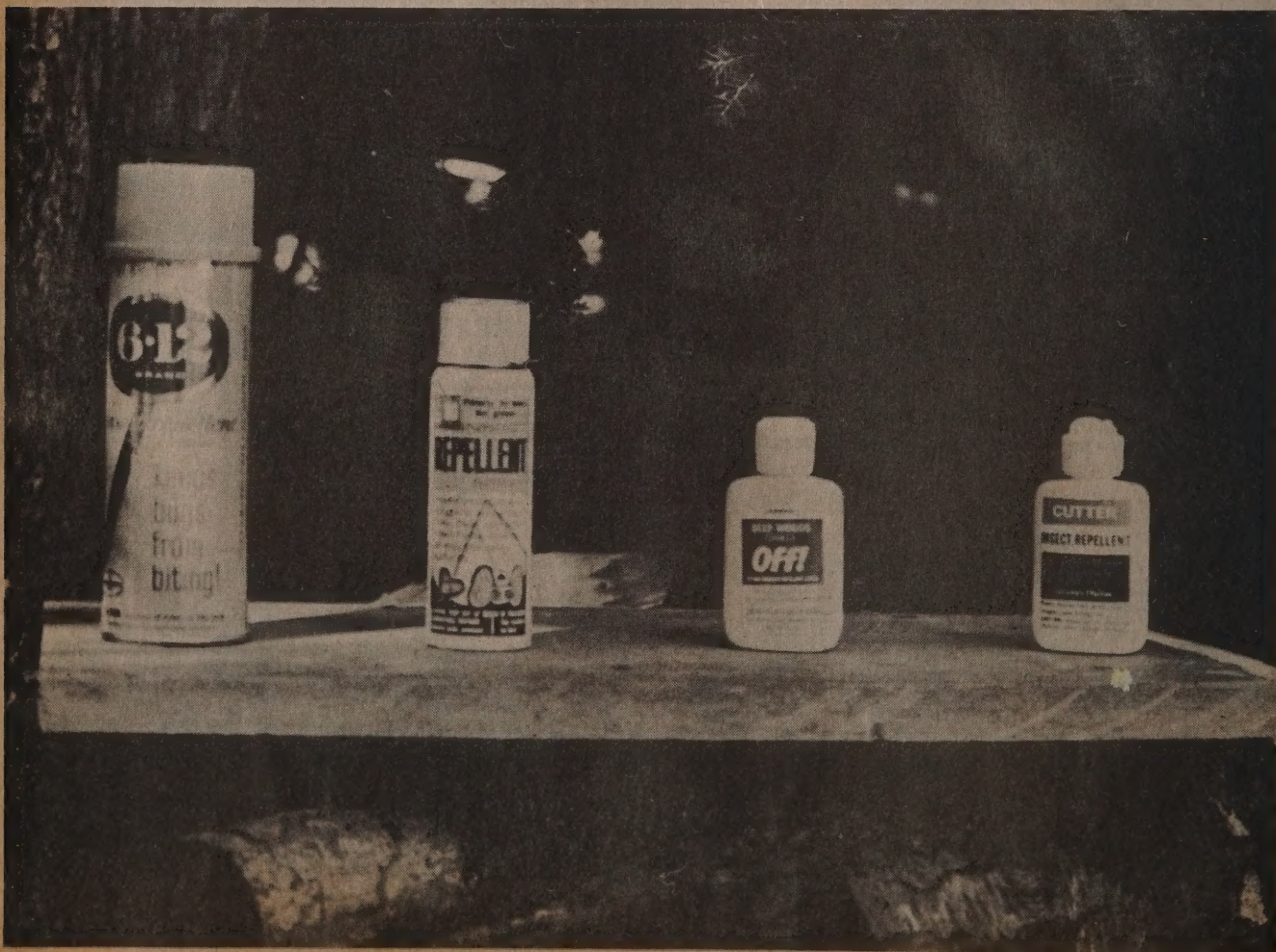
If it seems necessary to spray clothing, the air overhead, the inside of a camper, tent, cabin, or other human habitation, it can be accomplished with commercial aerosol sprays. Recommended are 6-12 Plus,

Johnson's Wax Off and Johnson's Deep Woods Spray. They contain the right amounts of DEET and are good for an hour.

Some attention to protective clothing is necessary although fly dope and sprays are a big help. Start with a hat. It should be one with a brim if a head net is worn. Don't overlook it as hair is no defense (ladies, take note). A lightweight, waist-length jacket with long sleeves is a good choice accompanied by pants whose cuffs are tucked under socks emerging from high-cut boots.

Black flies will penetrate clothing. Their bite is unnoticed and victims are surprised to find their skin sprinkled with welts in the most intimate places later. Mosquitoes usually last the summer. Here's a briefing on the worst stingers.

MOSQUITOES, the family **Culicidae**, are common blood suckers and disease carriers. There are many



Sprays, cream and liquid repellents containing DEET are effective against mosquitoes, black flies, midges and ticks.

species which breed in stagnant waters such as puddles, cisterns, swamps, marshes, ponds, both salt and fresh. They persist throughout the summer and most are weak fliers. However, the one exception is the saltwater species who are particularly vicious and strong fliers. Mosquitoes are most active at low light levels and in still air. Fortunately, a breeze will move them and is often welcome over ponds and streams.

BLACK FLIES, family **Simuliidae** are most numerous and vicious in the forest of northern latitudes in the U.S. and Canada. Unhappily for fishermen, they breed in the clear, cool, running waters which game fish like trout and salmon inhabit, often when the angling is at its best.

Their bites cause bleeding and itching with swelling and welts developing. They descend in clouds on their victims, entering body openings and penetrating clothing. Fortunately, they are weak fliers and will not enter enclosures like campers, houses and tents as mosquitoes do. A breeze will disperse them, thus fishing over open waters is safe.

After experiencing these devils, one would be hard-pressed to say a good word for them. Nevertheless, they have their defenders who protest massive, aerial spraying in the waters where they breed due to its possible effect on game fish. Some days the fish and flies have it all to themselves.

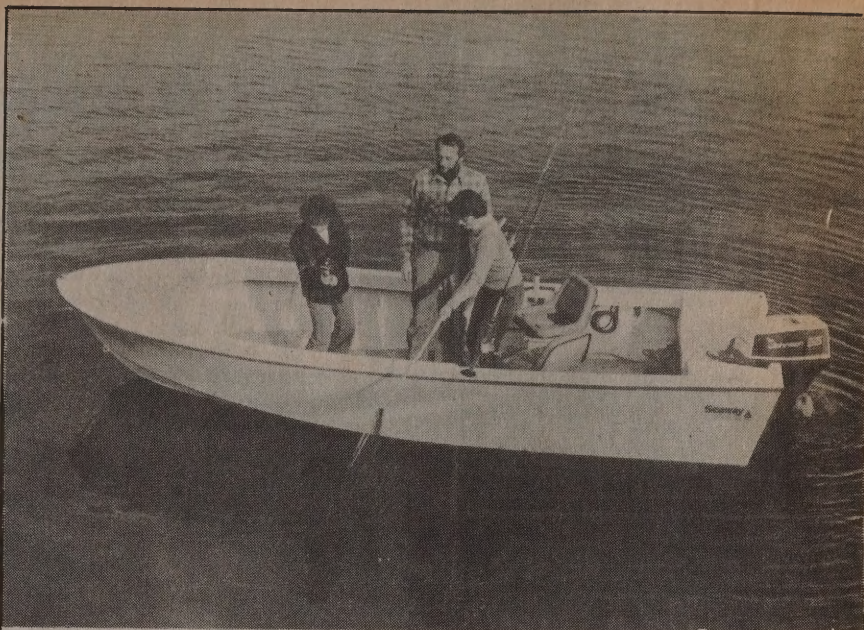
MIDGES, family **Ceratopogonidae**, also called "no-see-ums" and "pun-kies" are so tiny that they pass through screens and nets. They penetrate body openings and clothing and one can literally breathe them in. Barely visible, they attack in swarms inflicting stinging bites. Fortunately, they are weak fliers with a short range and a breeze will disperse them.

TICKS, family **Trombiculidae** are not insects at all but are of the order of **Acarina**. Other names are chiggers, mites and red bugs. They attach themselves to a host (person), partly or fully embedded in the skin and suck blood. They are disease carriers and breed in cracks, rubbish and vegetation in early summer. The best protection is to avoid extensive contact with infected grass and low-level vegetation.

Children are often their victims. It is wise to inspect their skin each day during the season. If embedded ticks are found, apply rubbing alcohol, gasoline, kerosene or turpentine to loosen their grip and remove them with tweezers.

The big danger from bites is secondary infection. The standard treatments are bathing with baking soda or diluted household ammonia. Also, apply antihistamine ointments, calamine lotion and other drug store remedies like Ziradyl and Caladryl. Some victims are especially allergic to bites and require professional treatment for swelling and discomfort.

Despite hostile insects, if you're hooked on fishing, don't let the bugs stop you. Just be sure to go prepared.



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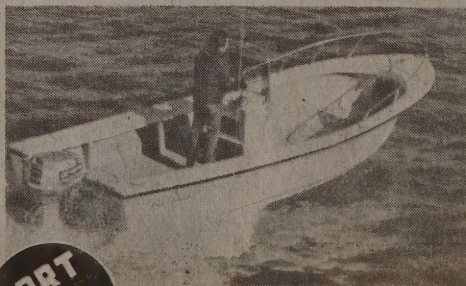
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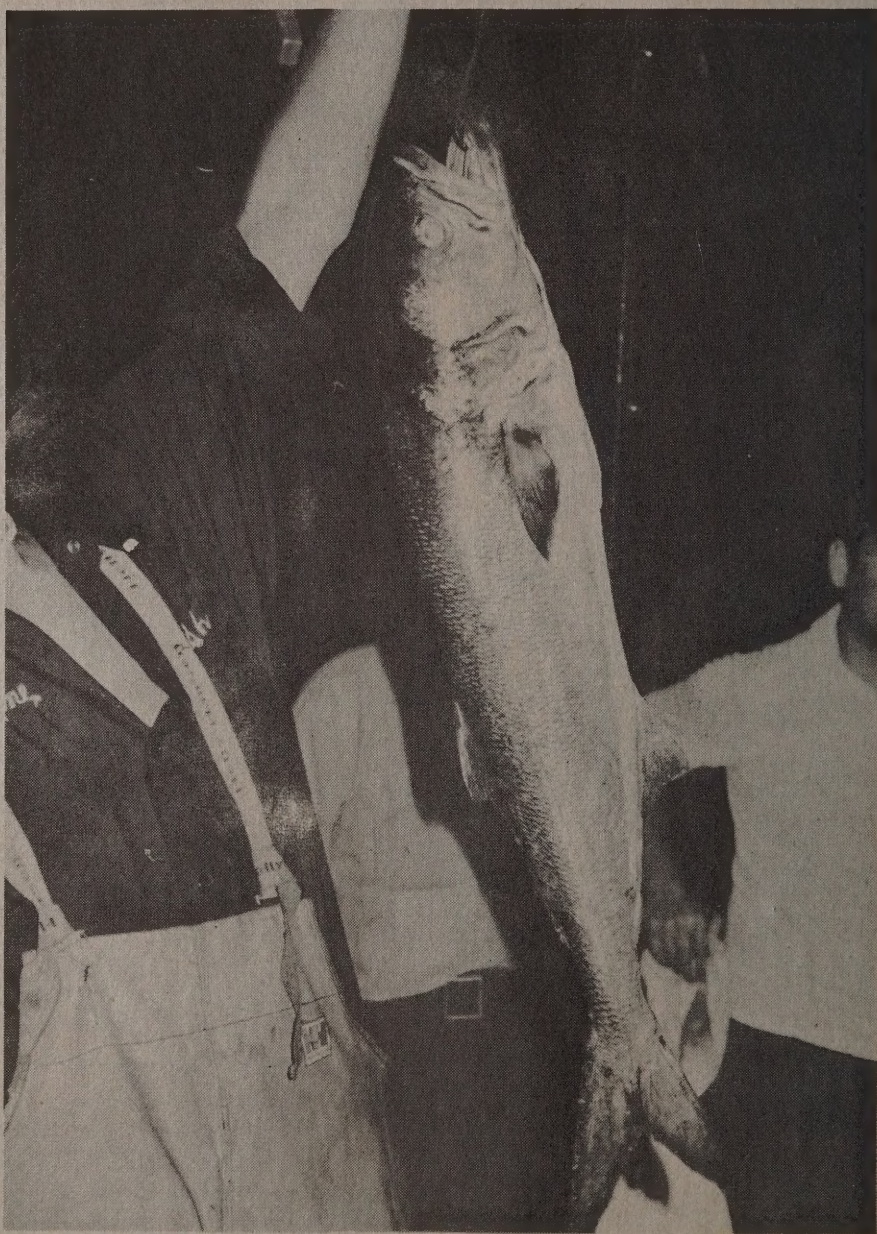
by Gerald Hahn

In recent years, sport fishing has become almost as popular at night as in the day. Not long ago, Captain George Porter of the Brand X (Greenport) discovered that weakfish were more responsive to lures and bait at night than in the day, and skeptical anglers soon agreed. Actually, bass fishermen have long known that stripers are most active at night. But when anglers discovered that bluefish, too, are voracious night feeders, nighttime fishing was firmly established.

Some fishermen enjoy night fishing because the weather is cooler, especially in the summer. Other people have obligations in the day, and an occasional night trip is all they can spare. I belong to a third group that finds something mysterious about fishing at night. It is like a fireworks display, a light show, and a science fiction movie, all rolled into one. Schools of red-brown squid and iridescent herring, rarely seen in the day, are attracted to the deck lights and rise to the surface. A giant sea turtle in the distance, curious about the strange bright glow in an otherwise black sea, lifts its serpentine head out of the water. Translucent baitfish reflect the boat's overhead floods and transmit Morse Code messages in broken shafts of light. The light signals suddenly intensify as a large silvery bluefish rises to the attack. Curiously, nighttime anglers see more fish than in the day. They may catch more, as well.

Bluefish certainly seem to be just as mean and hungry as in the day, and I often wonder if they ever take a break. Daytime fishermen catch blues primarily with lures, but nighttime fishermen catch blues with bait. For the angler accustomed to jiggling lures bait fishing may seem less exciting. Inevitably, fishing with bait is a little slower than fishing with lures, even though there are as many blues around at night, indeed, often more than in the day. Bait must be replaced after each bout, and it takes more time to work the bait to its destination than when fishing with a lure. Offsetting these drawbacks, however, the fight is often livelier, the challenge greater.

Party boat fishermen use the same tackle at night as in the day. For example, west end anglers either rent a 6' or 7' boat rod and a Penn 65 filled with 30 or 40 lb. test or they bring aboard an 8' for greater leverage



Night blues often come in the large economy size.

and a quicker reel, like the Penn Squidder or the Jigmaster. When fishing with bait, it makes little difference which of these (or any comparable) reels you use.

Bluefish are gregarious feeders, and consequently one finds various baits in use on party boats. One boat may supply butterfish or sand eels; another stocks mackerel, herring, smelt, or bunker. Butterfish and sand eels are generally used whole in the

west end; the other baits are cut into chunks, or more often, into 2" or 3" slices. Since these baits are fished mostly near the surface, a light rig is employed. The rig consists of a 6/0 Beak or O'Shaughnessy hook on a single-strand wire leader and a small clinch sinker about 2' or 3' above. Many anglers dispense with the sinker altogether. The hook and wire leader are colored brown for low visibility, as is the barrel swivel that con-

nects the leader to the fishing line with an improved clinch knot. The clinch sinker, normally associated with freshwater fishing, is shaped like a miniature torpedo with a tab at each end for attaching to the line. The line is wedged against one end of the sinker and the tab is crimped firmly over it. Pliers are not necessary for crimping since the lead is soft. Although the sinker is fashioned with a groove in its body for inserting the line, most fishermen avoid it. Instead they wrap the line once around the body of the sinker and then crimp the bottom tab. When the line is inserted in the groove, the sinker has a tendency to slide, and the other alternative would be to crimp the entire sinker so tight, it would weaken the line.

Sliced baits are rigged near one end, by inserting the hook through the skin side, sliding the bait up the shank, and pushing the point through once again. Rigged this way, a generous amount of bait trails in the current. Mackerel is the easiest bait to rig, since it has no scales and its flesh is somewhat firmer than herring or bunker. However, the latter two are oilier, more pungent than mackerel. When rigging herring or bunker slices, the same method is recommended, but the point and the barb should be checked for fish scales, which may interfere with hooking. Whole butterfish is rigged through the eyes and then in the shoulder; many anglers find this bait the best because it is so luminous at night. Sand eels are used when the blues are small. Like butterfish, they are also rigged first through the eyes, but then are hooked near the tail. Smelts are generally chopped up for chum, although small ones may be rigged like sand eels.

Baitfishing with a heavy line and a light sinker requires concentration and patience. In contrast to a diamond jig plummeting 80' to the ocean floor in less than 30 seconds, a drifting bait takes several minutes to reach the same distance away from the boat. Another problem is that many people find it difficult to estimate how much line to let out. As a general rule, I find that blues feeding near the surface at night lie in the shadows, just beyond the illuminated area around the boat. Therefore, I try to get the line to that transitional area. When fishing in 100' of water, for instance, I let out about 100' of line, which reaches the dark water beyond and simultaneously remains within the chum slick the mates are creating. Of course, if a fish takes the bait at a shorter distance, I will aim for it again. But several questions remain: how do you know how much line is peeling off the spool? Is it possible to let out the same amount of line the next time? Both problems are easily resolved by tying the last 100' of monofilament to the remainder on the spool with a blood knot. As line comes off the spool the knot will inform you when to

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Catching a blue with a baited hook is not as easy as catching a blue with a lure. When both lure and blue are racing like Kentucky thoroughbreds, the smash is sudden, solid, and the quicker you set the hook the better. When fishing a stationary or a slowly drifting bait, however, the first sign of a pickup is often revealed by faint pressure on the line, and the best thing to do at this point is nothing. The furtive fish needs a moment to engulf the bait. If the pressure increases, slowly lifting the rod about a foot informs you whether or not the blue is serious. If he is, set the hook with several short jabs.

Not only is the battle at night more challenging, it is often more exciting than in the day because blues hooked near the surface tend to behave like pole-vaulters. They break water with astounding leaps. In the day, most blues are hooked way down and prefer to remain there. Perhaps a small boat fisherman trolling for daytime blues encounter some topwater antics, but party boats, of course, do not troll. In fact they seldom drift for blues. Most party boats fish at anchor.

Beyond the surrounding illumination emitted by the boat's deck lights,

hooked bluefish may be seen showering white foam. Unfortunately, some anglers react to this ghostly sight by rearing back their rods with an "I'll show you" attitude. Bewildered, they lose the fish. Lowering the rod to a leaping blue, though less dramatic, is a better method. A.J. McClane once wrote that "nodding to a jumping fish," that is, lowering the rod, is overrated. Perhaps it is when you're fishing from a small boat. But after losing several high jumpers on a rod held high from the high deck of a party boat, I found that curtsying brings in the fish for the simple reason that the blue's thrashing head remains in the water, where it cannot throw the hook. So respectful am I of a regal, leaping blue that I will venture leaning over the rail and pointing the rod straight down. As long as the line is tight, the pressure on, the fish will not tear free. Once the fish sounds, the rod may be raised, although even then I prefer playing him with the rod held in a horizontal position or pointing slightly downward, since the deck is already considerably higher than sea level. The rod should be raised slightly only near the end of the bout, just enough to bring the predator within reach of the mate's gaff.

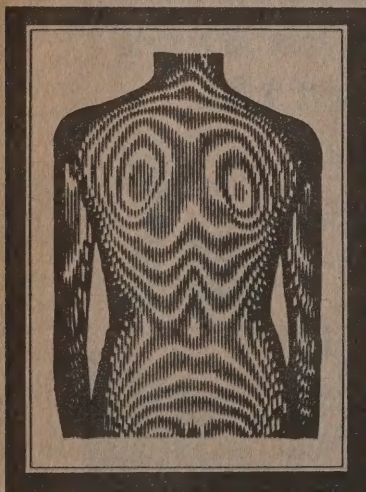
Unfortunately, tangled lines are even more prevalent at night than in the day, especially when drifting light baits. For this reason, it is best to secure a position on the side of the boat where lines move out. And just

as when jigging for blues in the day, moving with your hooked fish eliminates still greater tangles.

Not all nighttime fishing is performed on top. Sometimes the bluefish are concentrated below, and a bottom rig is employed. The rig is fashioned with a 5 to 8 oz. bank sinker on an end loop; a dropper loop from 1' to 3' above takes care of the hook and wire leader. Some anglers cast their rigs; others simply drop it to the ocean floor. If the fish are feeding slightly higher, a few revolutions of the reel handle puts you in touch with the fish.

Nighttime bluefishing is occasionally performed with lures as well, particularly when the fish are heavily concentrated around the boat. A typical daytime diamond jig will not work, however. Instead, fishermen use diamond jigs covered with a specially treated white plastic that glows in the dark with an eerie greenish light. The lure is jigged or squidded, as in the day, but at a somewhat slower speed. The artificial "nite-glo" only lasts a few hours, but this is sufficient for a fishing trip. In a pinch, the angler can always "re-charge" the lure by placing it near one of the deck lights.

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SNAPPER FISHING:

— FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART —

by Matt Ahern

Snapper fishing? Strictly for the kids, you say? True; and I couldn't agree with you more. Kids, let's say, from eight to eighty.

You know, for some time now I've noticed that the one reason we old salts enjoy our advanced age is because we remain young at heart. Perhaps we've always been young at heart and never realized it. If this be so, I'm convinced it is all that fishing we've done over the years which is responsible for this happy state of affairs.

I fear little contradiction when I say it was those early snapper-fishing days which proved to us that dreams could come true; for surprise, surprise, wonder of wonders, as kids we discovered we really could catch fish. And it was easy. Of course, we soon learned that this was merely a sop to our ego, a snare if you will, for as we advanced to other fishing, we learned it really wasn't all that easy. But for most of us, it was that pursuit of snappers which led to bigger and better things.

I know it was for me.

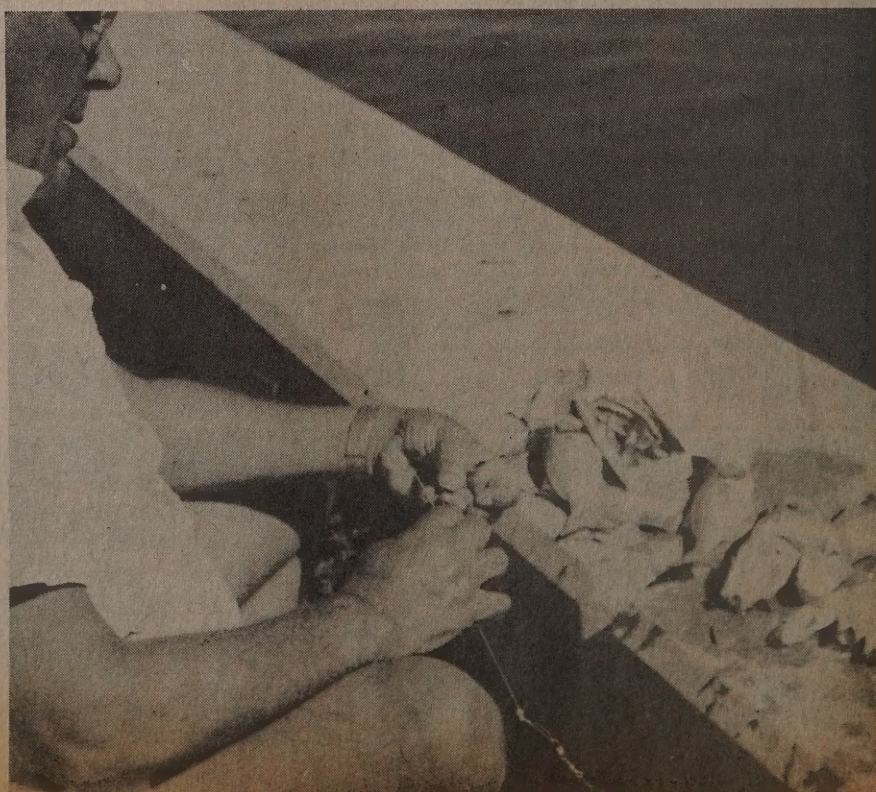
In 1925, the year I first began snapper fishing, I was but eleven-years-old. Before then, my previous fishing had been done in a Brooklyn pond for bullheads, white perch, and carp; therefore, saltwater fishing was an unknown to me as the dark side of the moon. I know this will seem strange, but actually I was not aware I was a freshwater fisherman in a saltwater environment. (That shows how swift on the draw I was.)

But then came the day when my boyhood chum Jimmy Anderson mentioned snappers. He had my attention in an instant. If we wanted to catch a lot of snappers, he said, Sheepshead Bay was the place to go.

And there in Sheepshead Bay I discovered a whole new world. For here life bustled. I was surrounded by sights and sounds I had never experienced. I watched late-morning party boats leave their slips with multitudes of expectant happy-go-lucky fishermen. I listened to the raucous cries of herring gulls and watched their graceful, effort less flight as they glided high above, ever searching for I knew not what. And I heard the mewings of sharp-eyed terns as they darted above the blue, sun-dappled water, where, with unerring skill they swooped down and captured small unsuspecting bit of prey. The terns' swiftness and agility simply amazed



Snapper fishing is not only for the young...



...but also for those who wish to remain young at heart.

me, for I was sure they would miscalculate and drown. But they never did. I was not only overwhelmed by the sheer beauty of it all, I was thrilled to my very being. I knew I had found a second home. No more would I be content to fish that muddy Brooklyn pond.

I caught hundreds of snappers that summer, plus mackerel and lafayettes. When October arrived and the snappers had departed, I caught herring. Now, this was fishing!

And because of my many successes, I became over-confident. I knew it all. Anything you wanted to know about snapper fishing, kid, just ask me. I had the answers. The know-it-all kid—that was me. Little did I realize I hadn't even scratched the surface of needed knowledge. But I carried my ignorance well—until the following year.

To keep this story orderly, I've got to tell you this: when I first started snapper fishing the year before, it had been late July. The fish then averaged five inches in length. It never occurred to me that if I fished before that time, those snappers would be smaller. And this brings me to the sad part of this story.

I'm told enthusiasm breeds enthusiasm. It must be so, for one evening in late June all my bragging had attracted the attention of an elderly neighbor, one whose sole activity seemed to be stoop-sitting on warm evenings. Mr. Brunner was his name; and Mr. Brunner had often heard me spout my views on how easy it was to catch snappers. Therefore, I wasn't too surprised when he asked if I had an extra snapper rod. If I did, he said, he'd like to go along on my next trip to Sheepshead Bay.

As I said, it was late June and we figured there was no time like the present; therefore, a decision was made to go snapper fishing the next morning.

Anyway, we halted long enough at one of the Emmons Avenue fish stands to purchase a dime's worth of shrimp for bait. (Fifteen cents a pound then.) From there we crossed the wooden bridge that spans the bay and set up our tackle in the very same spot I'd fished the year before. And we began fishing.

And we fished. And we fished. Nothing. Perhaps I should modify that. We caught plenty of snappers, but all so tiny they could do nothing more than tear at the bait with their minute teeth and hang on, whereupon we lifted them onto the bulkhead. Not one was over two inches!

It was then I realized there is much more to fishing than meets the eye. (I've come around to that though many more times since then.) It was certainly a rude awakening to discover I didn't know a blamed thing about fish or fishing. It was also quite embarrassing to have someone you intended to impress reach the same conclusion. Our return home was conspicuous by its silence. I don't

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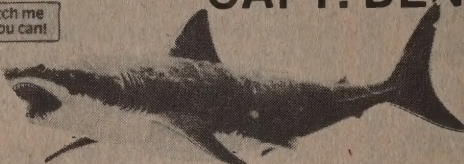


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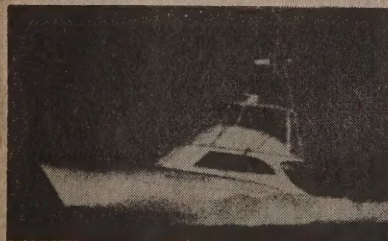
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know if Mr. Brunner ever went fishing again. If he did, it wasn't with me.

Now, this tale of woe is common enough—human nature being what it is. Certainly, it is a prime example of how not to begin a fishing career. My only reason for telling it is to caution youngsters of the pitfall that awaits if they act as foolish as I did.

Fortunately, the many young fishermen with whom I correspond seem not in need of this advice. I'm impressed by their desire to "feel" their way as they walk the road to better fishing. These youngsters show an insight which truly amazes me. I'm convinced they are much better informed than the kids of my day. Had I possessed even one iota of the good sense shown by these young letter-writers, I would never have fallen victim to that "know-it-all" attitude. It took a long time for me to believe that no man knows all there is to know about fishing, and that no man ever will. But it seems these youngsters automatically know that. God bless them.

All of which brings me to what I can tell you about snapper fishing without the "know everything" attitude. What follows is from personal experience: not what other fishermen have witnessed, or, perish the thought, what someone thought might work—which to my way of thinking, is just about the worst way for learning that any young fisherman can undertake. Whatever methods are discussed, you may be certain I have used them for years; they produce—and produce well. They will produce for you.

I suppose one of the many things which make snapper fishing attractive is its low cost. For a couple of dollars, one can purchase a bamboo snapper pole (I can't in all fairness call this a rod), a hook, a bobber, and sufficient bait for a day's fishing. Because snappers can be tricky to hook, I think it best to use one of those slender quill-type bobbers instead of the common round type. If you add a small split shot near the hook shank, this will hold the bobber right side up and more sensitive to the actions of the most wary snapper. Not only will doing this also overcome line tangling, you'll hook more snappers, too.

Whippy snapper poles can be purchased in one complete length or in two and three-section breakdowns. The latter are preferable and most convenient, especially for those fishermen who use a car for transportation to the nearest hotspot. The extra cost is negligible and any tackle shop can supply your preference.

To rig up, attach a length of 10 lb. test monofilament to the rod. Be sure the line isn't more than two feet longer than the length of the rod. If too long, it will be difficult to control hooking and landing your snapper. Place the bobber about 3' above the hook and bait with a whole spearing or sand eel. That's all there is to it. It is best to expose the point of the hook; snappers never notice.

Snappers are fast, tricky, and just

as voracious as their bigger brothers, the bluefish. (On a smaller scale, of course.) They show no fear and will often attack bait fish larger than themselves. Be prepared by the fact that snappers will often bobble bait a bit before taking the bobber under; therefore if you attempt to hook them at that time, you can expect to lose your bait. Wait until that bobber disappears and then simply hook your fish with a quick lift of the wrist. No one hooks every snapper that bites, so expect to lose your fair share. But as experience is gained, you'll find more and more fish in your bucket.

Without question, though, the most sport in snapper fishing is obtained when using a light spinning rod and a matching reel filled with 4 lb. test monofilament line. For this fishing you should use a plain, unsnelled Bridgeport snapper hook. (Bridgeport is the commercial name for the common snapper hook.) To the end of the line attach a #10 snap swivel, preferably with an Improved Clinch Knot.

Use either a spearing or sand eel and run the eye of the loose hook through the body, starting about an inch from the tail. Bring the hook eye out at the mouth, attach the hook to the swivel and you're in business. Cast as far as possible to the feeding fish and allow the bait to sink about 3'. Begin your retrieve at varying speeds until you find the one the snappers prefer. This method is a great fish-producer.

As the snapper season approaches its end, say mid-September on, much sport can be yours if you dispense with bait entirely and rely on small artificial lures such as Sidewinders (mossbunker finish), Kastmasters, Hopkins, Swedish Pimples, and similar types. Snappers just can't resist the tantalizing action these lures impart when retrieved slowly and jigged with short twitches of the rod tip.

Many lures come equipped with treble hooks. There is no doubt these afford excellent hooking qualities; but they also offer one drawback. Because snappers are always so plentiful, many fishermen return most of their catch to live and fight another day. Treble hooks often injure the fish severely and few fish survive when returned. There's one solution to this.

If you wish to be truly conservation-minded, simply replace the treble with a single hook of the same size. The split-ring on these lures enables you to change over. If you can't locate one of these lures with a single hook already attached, it is recommended that you replace it yourself. Conserve the snapper!

Those methods described as the various ways I do my snapper fishing. As mentioned, they all produce. I'll be trying them again this summer. I've just had a thought. Just as long as I can continue to get my licks in each summer, I shall continue to remain young at heart.

Can't ask for much more than that.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

Some very good bluefish catches, good shots of shark fishing and the beginning of the more exotic offshore species now starts to share the spotlight with the bottom fishing out at the Island's easternmost tip.

Captain Bud Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** has been fishing Gardiner's Island and the Point. Fishing has been fair to very good depending on the day and conditions, with 2-3 lb. plus jumbo porgies at the Point.

Coxes Ledge cod was very good Saturday, said skipper Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet**, with fish averaging 8-12 lbs., with pool fish in the 40s. Sunday's cod was on the slow side. The bluefishing trips are better some nights than others, with some nights being really hot. All these choppers are well into the teens. Porgies have been slow at Gardiner's and at the Point but those caught, however, are of good size. Fluking has been fair on 14/15 inch fish in the rips with passengers on the half day trips averaging 5-6 keepers a man.

Aboard the **Marlin Fleet** the biggest news has been the night bluefishing as evidenced by Saturday nights catch of over 100 choppers averaging 12-13 lbs. with the pool winner a savage 21 lber. Wow! A few blackfish are being bagged and fluking has picked up said Capt.



John Zanocjin and a 45 lb. striper that fell for a trolled Danny plug at Great Eastern. John fished aboard the Montauk charter boat "Windy."

Richie Rade with fares averaging 4-5 keepers a trip and the pool fluke for the week being a 5 lber.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** called to say that the off-shore sharking has been hot and cold, but with water temperatures rising on a daily basis. More and more white marlin and tuna are moving into the area with lots being spotted but not feeding yet. The boat's largest shark for the week was a 404 lb. dusky, followed by a 303 lb. blue shark and a 105 lb. mako. Mike has been filling in with very productive weak and fluke trips off the Point and in the rips.

Fishing aboard Capt. Joe McBride's charter boat **My Mate**, Bronx angler Willie Walsh had a small mako and a few brown sharks during the Montauk Captains' Association Shark Tournament this weekend. One hundred twenty-five boats were entered and Joe says the tourney was a great success. Watch these pages for a list of the winners.

Seven striped bass were the total



This party of anglers, headed by Bill Cope, put away this 185 lb. mako while on a charter at Montauk aboard the "Ebb Tide."

for the July moon aboard Capt. Jack Passie's charter boat **Windy**. The best catch for one night was 3 stripers in the 40s. The other nights fish ran in the 30s. This was all on trolled plugs. On all the half day bluefish trips that Jack sailed for parties, the average



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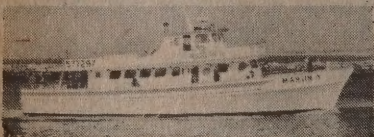
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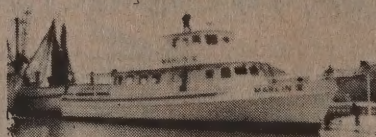
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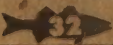
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was 35 fish per trip, most action south of Cartwright. Fish ran from 6-12 lbs. with a 17 lb. slammer the big blue of the week. Another good man is about to bite the dust as we learn of Jack's upcoming marriage around Labor Day to Louise Wedell of Center Moriches.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** tells of spotty fishing this week. Four blue shark were taken Wednesday and Sunday saw a 105 lb. mako hooked and landed by Joseph Lumane. On Friday's trip, Richie Yonkers loaded up on bluefish south of Block.

Captain Bob of the charter boat **Sundance** stopped in the office to tell us of the great bluefishing he's been having at the Point and at Cartwright and his catches of bass up to 48 lbs. which he's taken at Gardiner's Bay. Bob says the bass are falling for trolled plugs and live eels at night. His bluefish have been running anywhere from 3-20 lbs. His shark parties have had mainly blue shark fishing in 200' of water south of the Point. Two white marlin were hooked but dropped Saturday. School albies and yellowfin tuna are being picked at 40 fathoms.

On a canyon overnigher, July 8 and 9, aboard Captain John Keller's **Bronco Explorer**, John Hoffman of NY scored with 2 bigeye tuna weighing 160 and 140 lbs. respectively, 15 yellowfin tuna from 25-50 lbs. and 52 albies from 20-40 lbs.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** told of good bassing this week for Bob Rochetta and John Alberda with 5 bass into the 40s Tuesday night on live eels in the area of the Gut. Fluking and porgies have been sporadic in the rips and at Gin Beach. However, when you catch, you catch very well. Lots of blues at Cartwright advises Maureen.

Captain Len Gregorio of the charter boat **Bare** informs us that Sunday's trip for John Bergmann and family bailed 28 gorilla blues in a half day



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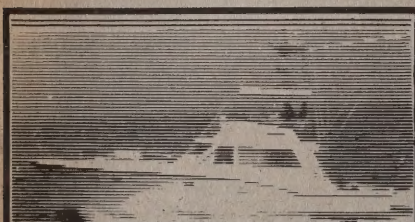
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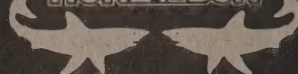
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trip with 14-yr.-old Danny bagging a 14½ lber. on a jig. This was in 140'-150' of water with fish spread out south of Cartwright. Wednesday's trip for the Baldwin Rotary club hoisted over 480 lbs. of blues, mostly on umbrellas and some on diamond jigs in 150-155 ft. of water. Thus, we can see the blues are moving inshore. Len has just been designated a field tester for Alou Tri-Fin Lures.

Fred Johnson and party from the TA fishing aboard Capt. Ron Grandinetti's charter boat Julie III hoisted 350 plus porgies from 1-3 lbs., 2 blacks and 4 sea bass on Sunday fishing Great Eastern and the south side.

SOUTH FORK

Chris at Bayview Fishing Station in Sag Harbor tells of good porgy fishing at Cedar Point and a lot of sand sharks mixed in. Lots of small blues in the 2-4 lb. range at Mashmak Point and Noyac Bay, mainly on the surface, so break out your spinning gear for some red hot top fishing. Fluke appears to be picking up at the Ruins off Gardiner's Island on squid and shiners. Local striper hot shot Dennis Kelly rang the bell with a 66½ lb. striper taken off Old Silas on a live eel at night which beat his record of last year by a 1/2 lb. This fish is being

entered as an IGFA 80 lb. test record fish. Lots of weakfish in the Sound which should be in the Sag Harbor area this week.

Skipper Artie Lach of Sag Harbor's Wilhelric II advises that the porgy fishing was picky but good all week long, that there seems to be plenty of fish around but not quite ready to go on a feed. Jim Johnson of Mastic made his 4th consecutive Thursday trip in four weeks. His scores ran 82, 36, 30 and 40 porgies. But on Sunday, all hell broke loose with everything happening on the northwest corner of Plum Island. Jim Johnson was high hook with 114 porgies. Ronnie Geuter of Commack swung 87 silvers aboard.

Robert Edwards of the Bronx smiled with 81 and Bill Batty of Brooklyn filled his bucket with 67 fish. Clams and worms did the trick and fish were mixed from 3/4 up to 3 1/2 lbs. Fluke fishing remains slow with more fish starting to show at Truman's Beach. The hottest news is that the Sound is paved with weaks and blues with some charter boats diamond jigging up to 150 weaks and blues on a single trip. The Wilhelric will be concentrating on the weaks and fluke off Horton's Point when the weaks show up. A switch will be made to diamond jigs and anyone looking to cash in on this bonanza of fluke and weaks be advised that Tuesday and Wednesday are the days. See ad for details.

Over at Noyac Marina Barbara was happy to tell us of the good fishing. Monday Mike Stromberg of Sag and NYC and father-in-law Russ Nielson of Florida along with Tony and Dan had weakfish of 11 and 8 lbs. working off Short Beach with white jelly worms in the afternoon. The next day Mike and Russ by themselves took 20 blues up to 4 lbs. on diamonds in Noyac Bay. Buoy 16 yielded 7 weakfish on Sunday to another customer on white jelly worms. There's a good scattering of humpback porgies and blowfish in the Bay.

Over in Southampton Thom at Speck's Bait and Tackle talked of good fluking at the Ponquogue Bridge and the ocean side on the east side of the inlet on sand eels, squid and spearing. Flounders are still holding in Shinnecock Bay especially in the Basket area on worms. Noyac Bay has been producing decent sized weakfish in the 7 lb. class on squid and sand worms. Porgies remain good at Ceda Point and Sag Harbor, Jessup's Neck and South Race. Some scattering of fluke off North Haven, and some sea bass at Jessup's Neck. Porgies a pick out east.

The Capt. Clark II sailing from Shinnecock Canal reports good porgy fishing this past week in Peconic Bay.



This 9 lb. doormat fluke was taken by Herb Kunins of Hampton Bays in Shinnecock Bay's East Channel. Photo courtesy of Corr's Mariner's Cove.

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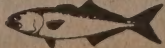
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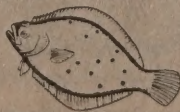
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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay continues to be worthwhile for most boatmen based on reports received from Frank Pelosa of **Corr's Fishing Station** in **Hampton Bays**. Jack and Moe Petrich, along with Bob Dane, worked the East Cut on Saturday to the tune of 20 nice keepers. Nancy and Joe Rubino followed up on Sunday with 15 keepers taken in the Basket Area. Best fluke catches are being made on sandeels. The private boat Fish Wacker checked in a 190 pound mako on Sunday. It was taken in 190 feet of water.

Moriches Bay fluke action has been decent enough in recent days to take some attention away from the continuing "winter" flounder run. Some enterprising anglers combined their efforts and caught both. Among them was Fred Ott who totalled 75 flounder to 2 1/2 pounds, 4 fluke and 1 blue working the Elbow Area. Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**, who reported this catch, said that most flounder catches were in the 30-60 fish per boat range between the elbow and buoy 39. Fluke catches range between 15 to 20 keepers per boat from the Elbow to buoy 41 where 2/3 of the fish are keepers. Gary added that small bay blues are all over the area and can be caught on any small tin.

Buoys 36 and 39 are still producing fine flounder scores according to Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station**. Best flounder action is confined to the last 3 hours of incoming with 40-50 fish a boat about average. Fluke fans are being kept satisfied with a decent pick of fish north and south of buoy 41 on sandeel and squid combos. Snapper blues are rampant in the bay with most averaging about a pound. Use any small spoon or tin according to Jim. Among the better catches on the weekend were Eli Pepper's 17 keeper

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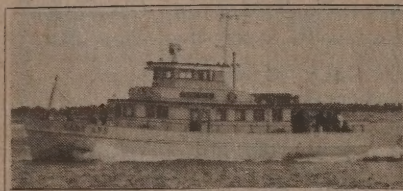
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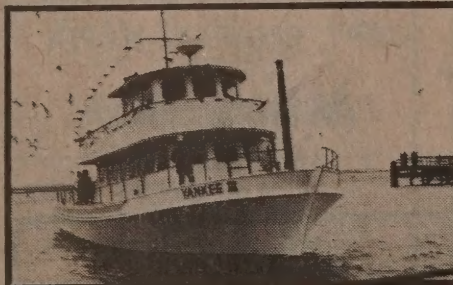
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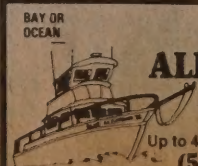
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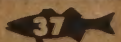
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fluke on Saturday and 19 more on Sunday. On Friday, Hank Kurz put away 22 fluke on Salty Dogs and squid strips working between the bars near buoys 39 and 41.

Capt. Fred of the **Moriches** charter boat **Sea Mist** found a mako for Fab DeRosa Jr on Friday. It was Fab's first mako ever. On Saturday, the skipper found lots of life in 175-180' of water but could do nothing with the makos in his slick or with the schools of football tuna found cavorting this week. On Sunday big blues were taken out of a shark slick in 180' of water.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

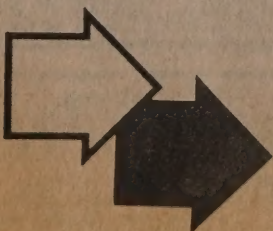
Great South Bay fluke fishing showed some improvement in recent days particularly in the size department. Vinnie of **South Bay Fishing Station** in **West Sayville** told of some good sized fish found between Ocean Beach and Atlantique late last week. Small summer run weaks and tailer blues are roaming mid-bay and a few kingfish are being taken locally as well. Blowfish are scattered throughout the bay but no heavy catches being made on the puffers.

John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** joined the crew aboard Jim Finnigan's **Prime Cut** for a day of Canyon fishing last week. A total of 10 longfin albacore and one yellowfin tuna were decked and a white marlin was raised during the course of the day. Rod heard that the canyon had come alive on Saturday and Sunday and knew of a couple of large big eyes taken by L.I. Graff. Also in the offshore news was Mike Mayer who put a 10' tiger shark aboard his 27' **Concord** Saturday in 200' of water SE of F.I. Inshore, there was a slight improvement fluke fishin this week with some nice size fish showing up in the catches. Some 6-8 pound weakfish made a showing in the Ocean Beach area and porgies and sea bass are still available to sinker bouncers working the same Ocean

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Small blues moved in and out of the inlet and fluke fishing has been decent although not good in recent days between the Lighthouse and West Channel according to Irene of Peppy's Bait and Tackle in East Islip. Irene looked over a 36 pound striper taken on a live eel (boat) by Al Randazzo during the week. Those using traps and bunker have begun doing a nice job on crabs from local docks.

Carl Miller of Smokey's Bait and Tackle in Bay Shore noted a marked improvement in the fluke fishing as it seems the hot weather has moved fish off of the flats and concentrated them in the deeper channels. Carl put a 6 pound flatie on the scale for Pat Malters of Brentwood on Saturday. It was caught at West Island. Carl also looked over a catch of 6 fluke to 3 1/2 pounds made near the lighthouse by Bay Shore Tuna Club member Tom Woodruff. Blues in the 3-6 pound class were trolled in the inlet on wire as well as along the beach east of the Inlet to Cherry Grove. Blues to 12 pounds in 100' of water SW of the Inlet being taken on jigs in the daytime and chum at night. Offshore, canyon fishing came alive and a number of white marlin were seen just east of the Compass Rose. Schools of yellowfin tuna were found cavorting 155 degrees out of F.I. Inlet in 180' of water. Local crabbing is pretty good and snappers are just getting started according to Carl. Carl's son, 9 year old Richard Miller made his first Montauk trip on Thursday. The youngster did a fine job, putting away 6 cod up to 15 pounds during the course of the day aboard the Viking Starship.

Sharply improved fluke action wast the way Capt. Neil Delaney of the Bay Shore open boat Casey Lee described the Great South Bay activity. Friday through Sunday saw some decent catches made including that of staff sargent Richie Schultz and his dad



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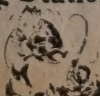
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who totaled 16 keepers up to 4½ pounds. The skipper has been working Sexton Island, West Channel and East Channel and feels that the warming water temperatures have attributed to the better fluking. Last of the flood and first of the Ebb remains the best tide and Neil felt that ¾ of the fish are keepers at this point. He also reminded, that this weeks afternoon tide would be perfect for anglers planning on fishing from Wednesday through Saturday. Both sandeels and spearing have been effective on the fish.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the Captree open boat Capt. Dan described fluking as pretty good over the weekend. He noted the fish are spread around the bay and a number of spots have been producing. A good mixture of shorts and keepers helps to make for some decent action according to the skipper.

Capt Charlie Kennedy of the open boat Capt. Joseph II spoke very highly of the bluefish run which he described as real solid-excellent fishing. Most fish range anywhere from 3 up to 10 pounds with an occasional slammer mixed in. He has been working between the Three Sisters wreck and north of the HA Buoy. Charlie felt that the hot weather has moved some fish off the flats and has noticed an improvement in the quality of the fish being taken although the fishing is still lacking in terms of numbers. Bigger fish are now being found further back in the bay between the Lighthouse, West Channel and East Channel. The skipper reminded that the Capt. Joseph will be in port ready for action this weekend with two trips daily for blues at 7AM and 7PM.

Another skipper adhering to the belief that hot weather has improved the fluking due to it moving them off was Capt. Richie Leitch who runs the Capt. Leitch IV. Richie has been working all the usual fluke haunts between the bridge and Ocean Beach.

"Just incredible" was the way Capt. Tom Burke of the charter boat Lady Ann described the bluefishing he found south of the HA buoy on Saturday night. Fishing a party of 30 anglers from Jack LaLane health spas and headed by Mike Moskal, nearly



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Audrey Hubert of the **Speedy Fleet** found good bluefishing south of the HA on Friday night. Saturday's fishing was more accurately described as a slaughter fishing in the same general area while Sunday's action was described as picky. Jigs are the ticket in the daytime while bait and chum take over at night.

Capt. Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** was credited with finding a nice body of fluke in West Channel on Sunday. The fish were there in good numbers and also in good sizes for those lucky anglers in the right place at the right time. eleven year old Laurie Klein copped the pool with a 5 pound fluke. Catches on the boat Sunday ran up to 15 keepers a man with very few if any throwbacks. Killies worked best on the summer flatties in this area.

Capt. Roy Mazziotta of the **Yankee III** found cod on Monday's offshore trip. 70 cod and pollack found their way into the bags of the 22 anglers aboard. Hi-hook had 11 cod. The skipper noted that the fish were small in comparison to your typical deep water wreck fish but he took it as a sign that better codfishing days are ahead.

Capt Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** felt that fluking is still on the slow side but did note that nicer sized fish are now being taken. Night bluefishing was excellent all week with the Three Sisters producing the best results early in the week and another area south of the inlet in 120' of water producing the best recent activity. Squid and sandeels have been working best on the flatties. Of Saturday night's bluefish action Gordon described it as phenomenal- or as good as you had ever

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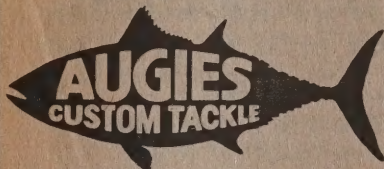
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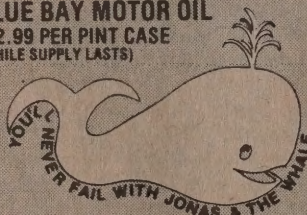
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Capt. Larry Ciccotto of the charter boat **Prime Time** had a mid-week charter of Con Ed employees led by John Branda. Ken Murphy showed the way with a 12½ pound pool fish. However, everyone got in their licks with 12 men accounting for over 150 blues in the 6-8 pound class. On Thursday, en route to the shark grounds, the skipper ran across big blues and weaks in 100' of water. In short order 15 blues and 4 weaks went into the box. The skipper noted that fluking has become more consistent in recent days and noted the body of fish found on Sunday in West Channel on Sunday. Size of the fish is vastly improved with the high water change producing the best action.

A flurry of weakfish action in F.I. Inlet over the weekend produced a couple of tiderunners for lucky anglers. Fred Austin of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon weighed a 9¼ pound weak for Mike Garraputo and also weighed a 12.3 pounder for another angler who left without leaving his name. Best bet for fluke remains Snake Hill Channel, Dickerson Channel and West Channel. Offshore, big eye tuna were found south of the 100 fathom line while lots of yellowfin and some pods of 150 pound bluefins were found from 150' of water on out. Unfortunately these were non-biting tuna as were the numerous marlin sighted in the 170-180' depths. The apparent winner in the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club's Long Island Marlin and Tuna Tournament was a 254 pound big eye which was whipped on 50 pound class tackle by Joan Rivas of the South Shore Club. The big tuna was taken aboard husband Vic's Teaser. 8 true albacore and 1 35 pound yellowfin

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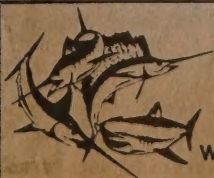
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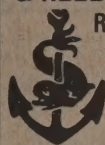


Christine Tiedemann displays her first flounder ever, a 2½ lb. taken off of Heckscher Park back in May. Subscriber photo.

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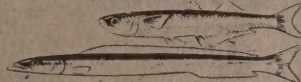


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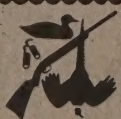
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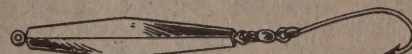
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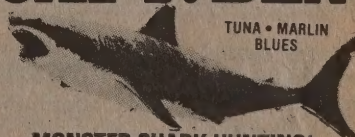
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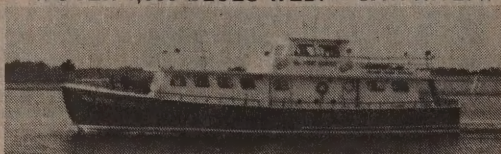
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Capt. Len of the **Lindenhurst** charter boat **Fishfinder** took a party from Precision Printers headed by Frank Bonora to the acid waters where they enjoyed a good day with big blues on diamond jigs. Sunday's charter for Mario and Roy Martorana, Rick Paterson and Paul Lederberg resulted in blitz-like fishing south of Three Sisters. These were 6-10 pound class fish and all were taken on Diamond jigs.

Gil Heckle of **Capt. Jack's East** in **Lindenhurst** summed up the scene in his area by telling of some small bass at the bridges, good sized blues, 6-10 pounds, SE of the NA buoy and excellent sharking SE of the Inlet in 150-180' of water. He also reminded that the youngster are now banging away at small snappers at Tanner Park.

Ed and Sal Lecce and Don Palmieri checked in a catch of 25 keeper fluke made in F.I. Inlet at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Mike Andreani who looked over the catch also spoke of Bob and Steve who put 30 small blues in to their June Moon while fluking at the inlet during the week. Young Gene Hirsch checked in a 7½ pounder weak along with 12 small blues taken in the Inlet. On Saturday night, Jim Scarola clicked with an exceptional catch of stripers near the Measured Mile in the state channel. Casting rebel plugs on 8 pound test, the long angler put away 15 stripers up to 24½ pounds.

From Gary Corbett at **Jonas Bait and Tackle** in **Copague** came word of

improved fluking in the State Channel and very good flounder fishing in the deep holes of the channel. Still some blackfish on the kismet reef but not many guys trying and snappers beginning to establish a toehold at tge local piers. Gary's nine year old daughter Heather took 50 of the baby blues on Sunday at Tanner Park.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Bob Rose at **Capt. Jack's West** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of fair fluke action in the State Channel west to Four Corners. He knew that boatmen running east to F.I. Inlet found plenty of small blues while bigger blues were camped south of Jones in approximately 110' of water. Locally good snapper fishing and crabbing from neighborhood piers and docks.

Capt. George Buzzetta of the **My Judy Fleet** called to remind that he and Charlie Nappi (IGFA Fluke Record Holder) are now running a pair of charter vessels from the Massapequa area. See the ad running in this weeks issue for more details.

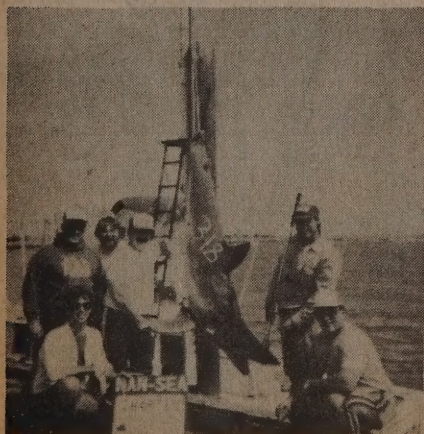
According to John Dombrowski of Pop's Fishing Station in Seaford flounder are still being found in good numbers and sizes in Swift Creek where they are being taken on worms or dyed clams and clam or mussel chum. The greatest improvement in the fluke fishing has been due to the increase in size of the flatties. John suggested working around the bridges during the Ebb and Four Corners and the Back Bay drains on the flood. Eight year old Joseph Heckmann led the way on a family outing on Saturday with a 4 pound fluke. Also on Saturday the Morgan Party checked in with 12 keepers up to 3½ pounds.

At Wanser's Tackle Shop in Seaford, Marie labelled fluking fair at Four Corners, Massapequa Cove and East of the 2nd and 3rd bridges. Flounder still being taken between the Meadowbrook and Third Wantagh bridges and in front of the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. Some bass up to 32 pounds at the 3rd bridge on Saturday night. One boatman casting rebels had 3.

Nice blues being trolled on umbrella rigs at Cholera according to Scott at Merrick Tackle in Bellmore. Nice flounder still available at the bridges and fluke have improved somewhat in quantity but many of the fish remain undersized. Crabs have made a showing at local piers and back bay drains.

A 7¾ pound fluke taken on a live killie topped the catch of flatties made by Irving Scholnick and Mr. Goodwin at Merrick Point last week. The pair of anglers fished out of Nicks Fishing Station in Merrick. Jimmy Boulukos who keeps tabs on the fishing activity from the station also reported a 41 pound striper bunkered in the bay on Thursday by Buddy Holmes and Dennis Newmann. One party who chose to work over the remaining flounder population had 46 of the holdovers on Saturday fishing between the Meadowbrook Bridge and Short Beach.

Stephen Weitzen called to report that he traveled to the Cape May white marlin open aboard Richie



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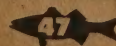
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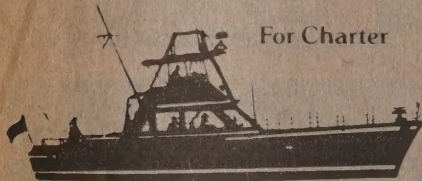


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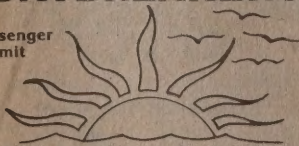
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Koch's **Merrick** moored **Libra**. A total of 10 L.I. Boats competed in the event with the **Libra** winning first place in the tuna division thanks to a 248 pound big eye. Bob Jensen's **Babylon Tuna Club Boat Blue Water** took 3rd place with a 229 pound tuna while the **Babylon** club finished 1st overall in tuna points. Another L.I. based club, **The Canyon Anglers** took 2nd place in tuna points.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

The best news in this part of town has been the offshore bluefishing with solid catches of decent sized fish being made both day and night by the open and charter boat fleet. Fluking on the inside has remained a pick with the best fluke catches being in the ocean off Riis Park and the Rockaways.

Starting with the **Freeport Fleet** we find that aboard the **Miss Freeport II** there has been good solid night bluefishing with a count of roughly 2,000 bluefish in the 4-8 lb. range for the week on bait and chum. The skipper advises that catches are being made within a one hour ride from the Inlet. The boat's daytime fluke trips have been spotty with Riis Park and a few drops in the Jones Inlet area producing best.

Larry at **Mako Marina** advises that Lou Ranieri fishing the **Texas Tower** Saturday had 6 long fin albacore up to 25 lbs. on trolled artificials. A few days prior, fishing aboard Capt. Vic

Torginsen, Jr.'s **Victory**, Lou scored with a 160 lb. mako, 15 miles SE of the HA. Larry also tells of lots of blues being caught at night on the **Three Sisters**, fish in the 3-5 lb. range.

Very good bluefishing, reports the **Capt. Al Monday**, Tuesday and Wednesday on diamond jigs. Thursday and Friday slowed but Sunday's catch bounced back in the afternoon with catches averaging 8-12 fish per man who could handle a diamond jig. Saturday night's trip to **Cholera** saw over 300 fish caught in the 8-12 lb. range.

Aboard the **Starstream II** Capt. Richie told of good bluefishing Saturday with fish running 12-14 lbs. Catches were generally good during the week with the weekend and its heavy boat traffic presenting a few problems. Sunday's fishing was tough in the morning but picked up in the afternoon in three very productive drifts at the acid stain off Jersey, with experienced jig fishermen boating anywhere from 12-15 a man. Richie says the fish are there, but you have to be ready. No munching sandwiches when it's time to drop that jig to the bottom. Friday saw good action in the morning, falling off in the afternoon. The best days of the week saw high hooks of 30-40 blues a man for the sharp, hard fishing angler.

Captain Joe Musso of the charter boat **Suzanne** fished Joe Golden and party Sunday and working southeast of the inlet had 3 makos of over 100 lbs. each and a 455 lb. tiger which was weighed in at **Hudson Pt. Fishing Station**. Joe says the tuna are just around the corner and his choice dates are disappearing quickly.

Fluke trips sailed aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** this week by Twin Oaks Day Camp, Freeport, Pat Alviar and group from Woodside, Flak & Kurtz Co., NYC and Pete Nicolis and group from IBM, all enjoyed fair fluking in both local and ocean areas. Saturday Olympic Plumbing did fluke as did Steve Stavinskas of Ritz Cafe, Franklin Square. The New York Harbor channels were also fished. Friday's

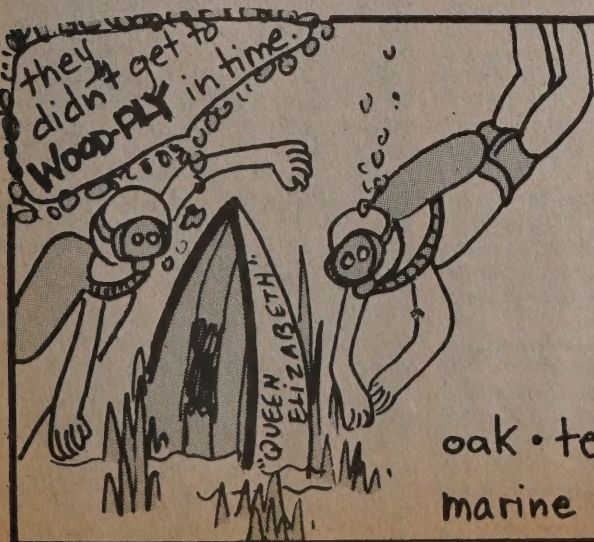
bluefish trip for NYPD Midtown South fished from the Sisters to the BA jigging 12-14 lb. blues. Friday night's trip for SAS Airlines, Jamaica, enjoyed a steady pick at the Sisters of 3-5 lb. blues.

Aboard Capt. Sy Carlin's **Blue Fin Fleet**, bluefishing was very good all week except for Sunday. The day fishing high hook honors went to John Vasquez with 17 bluefish, while high hook nighttime honors was 23 blues on Friday night to a cadet from West Point Military Academy. Catches were both southeast and southwest of the inlet with fish generally up to 14 lbs. Alison Olsen, Brooklyn Heights scored with a 14 lb. blue. Elaine Murphy, Somerset, NJ had a 12 lber. Fluking has been holding up along the beach. Big fluke for the week was a 4½ lber. hoisted by Carl Tisdale. Yonkers angler Al Rustico was high hook with 12 fluke including a 3½ lber.

We've been having excellent night blues said Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** taking 3-8 lb. fish on bait and chum at the Sisters. Daytime fluking has been hot and cold off Riis and the Rockaways. With proper conditions, catches can be very good. An average day will be 3-8 keepers a man. A good day will see the keeper average 11-15 keepers a man. Fluke are running up to 6 lbs., but averaging 2-3 lbs. Last Saturday a 9 lb. fluke was taken.

The **Capt. Lou III** reports doing pretty good fluking off Riis Park with high hooks in the teens everyday. Friday saw two 6 lb. fluke taken at Riis on sand eels and spearing, fish averaging 1-3 lbs. A 7 lber was hooked and dropped at the boat and was brought in a couple of days later by a local dragger with the recognized rig still hanging from its mouth. Aboard the half day boat, **Capt. Lou IV**, the AM trips have been best this week.

A 5½ lb. fluke on Friday aboard the **Capt. Andy** took the pool for Joe Zummo of Farmingdale. Joe also had a 3½ lber and 4 other keepers. Oceanside angler Art Green hoisted 8 keepers including a few 3 lbers. and a



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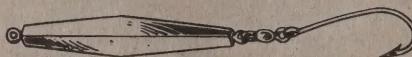
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Aboard Capt. Tony Presto's charter boat **Mickey II** Saturday's fluke trip saw Ellen Maxwell bag a 4 lb. fluke just off the JI buoy on sand eels, spearing and squid combo. Numbers-wise it was fair day. Sunday's charter for Bill Purdo of NY Tel, NY saw blues diamond jigged at the acid stain and also trolled on top. The boat still has a few choice shark dates open and is also featuring a shark/tuna special.

A 100 lb. dusky shark was tagged and released aboard the charter boat **Nan-Sea** by Ricki Verga of Cedarhurst and three friends. They also loaded up with monsters blues to 17 lbs., fishing 150' of water, 150° out. (40 miles off the beach.) Tuna were seen in 180' of water, pushing but refusing to hit a bait or lure.

Very good bluefishing said dock-master Bob Kay of the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** except for a picky Sunday. **Super Spray II** and **Atlantic** on Saturday night had great fishing filling 1-3 burlap bags per man with

6-8 lb. bluefish. A 15 lber. took the pool. Friday on the Atlantic 9 men had 110 fish in the 12-15 lb. range. Fluke have been best off Riis Park, Playland and the Inlets in the morning hours, picky in the afternoons. The **Christie Lee** had 9 tuna Saturday fishing SE of the inlet in 150' of water. The fish ran 50-60 lbs. and were bluefin and yellowfin. On Sunday, makos weighing 150 and 170 lbs. were taken along with 2 shark, a 400 lb. tiger and a 400 lb. thresher, both of which were released. These were caught in the same area as the tuna.

Friday aboard the charter boat Capt. Gary a half day charter for Island Park Recreation Center kids had a good day with 25 keeper fluke fishing Reynolds and Jones. Saturday' bluefishing trip for Tony Woo and party had picky bluefishing at the Three Sisters but bailed out the day with 20 keeper fluke in Jones Inlet. Sunday morning's open boat trip working Swift Creek managed 23 keepers. The skipper advises that he still has some choice August Saturdays available.

Over in **Point Lookout** Captain

Ronnie Murray of the **Miss Point Lookout** advises that every night trip for bluefish has been super dynamite with catches of anywhere from 250-300 blues taken each night with light crowds aboard. Ron estimates that over 1,000 blues came over the rail between Wednesday and Saturday nights. Just super fishing on bait and chum. On the two a day fluke trips, the boat has been experiencing some very good trips and some merely fair trips during the weekend. Sunday morning's trip was good with most fares rewarded with 3-8 keeper fluke. Early in the week the inlet was best while late in the week the back area were best all on a flooding tide.

Aboard Capt. Dennis Kenyak's charter boat **Marie III** Monday's trip for Roland Shar saw excellent bluefishing on diamonds at Three Sisters and acid waters for 2-7 lb. fish with catches averaging 15-30 fish a man. Friday and Sunday's day bluefishing was fair at best, but Friday's night trip for Gary Braun and 10 buddies had over 200 bluefish at the Three Sisters on butters and bunker chunks. Saturday's fluke charter saw 150 fluke hoisted with 20% being keepers, fishing local channels and Jones.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** says that this week the west side of the loop bridge produced better fluke catches. Ed Puzio and Pete Kalaco of NJ had 30 keepers between them Friday, fishing Reynolds and North Channel. Many of their rental skiffs had 15-20 keepers a boat from the flats and North Channel. Also very good flounder catches from the CG area with sizes being generous also. Good blackfishing at the T wreck and also some at the Meadowbrook bridge. One customer brought back a 6 lb. black from the T wreck. Some weeks from off the Pt. Lookout jetty on squid strips.

Over in **Baldwin**, Jan at **Thompson's Deli and Tackle** passed on the word that Capt. Steve Manchin of Capt. Steve's Seafood in Freeport and Howie Siegel of Lawson's Pub fished the NOAA buoy area taking 7 brown sharks to 150 lbs. and a 150 lb. mako on July 5. Bill Fix fished Reynolds on his boat Afternoon Delight and scored with 13 keeper fluke fishing between the tides on sand eels Thursday.

Down in **Atlantic Beach**, Captain Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** reports he's been slaughtering weakfish days on bait tails in the Sandy Hook area. Things slowed Wednesday due to two gillnetters wiping the best of the action out. Night bass fishing has been good but has now slacked off a bit on trolled plugs in the NY Bight.

To the west in **Long Beach** fluking has been best Monday through Friday in Reynolds and off Riis Park. Best catch of the week was 34 fluke to 4 lbs. for Jessie Piraino and Frank Rogers. This was between the AB bridge and buoy 1 on the last of the flood on killies. Blues up to 9 lbs. are being umbrellaed from Lido to Rockaway. Cocktail blues periodically in-

vade both inlets. Weakens in the morning on the black side of Debs on bait tails. Schoolie bass being trolled west of the AB bridge on bucktails or single red tubes.

At **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in **Atlantic Beach** advises that the fluking has been okay at Riis and in the Long Beach Creek which goes to Duck Point. Blackfish a good item at Silver Point Jetty and a few at the AB bridge with an occasional bass at the jetty on Atom or Stan Gibbs plugs. Saturday aboard the Compass Rose IV fishing the Texas Tower, Jesse York scored with a 545 lb. tiger shark using a 12 lb. blue for bait. Crewing were Jay York, Hy Vogel, John Feeney and the skipper Capt. Paul Stern.

Beckman's Tackle in **Lynbrook** has many reports of excellent bluefish catches from his customers who fished Cholera, Angler Banks and Three Sisters and either jigged, trolled or baited choppers this week of various sizes. Charlie also says the blue claw crabbing is good all over, particularly in all the creeks leading off of Reynolds Channel. Tiny snappers are in the bay and should be growing fast now. Fluking changed from excellent to picky for this past week with poor drifting conditions being one of the key factors.

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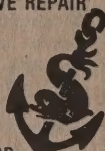
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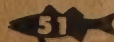
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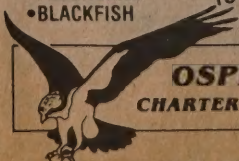
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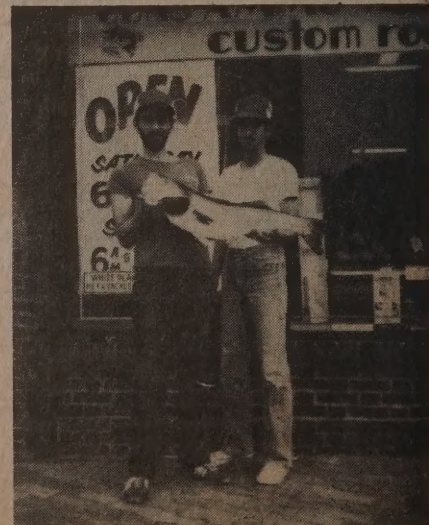
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porgies. Not too much in the way of blue claws yet.

Artie at Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach tells of lots of small porgies hitting sand worms and clam and small 2-5 lb. blues hitting small bunker chunks off both North and South channel bridges. Weakfish are hitting on both tides in the 8-10½ lb. range on bunker chunks. The bigger fish are seen at night as are big blues. A few small stripers are being caught also. Some fluke are being taken on killie/squid combos as are some blackfish from the tip of Breezy Point jetty east to the Marine Parkway bridge. Good blue claw crab action around the bridges. Al Figurella was all smiles with a 15 lb. 4 oz. blue taken off the South Channel bridge on a bunker chunk Saturday.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Captain Tom of the Pilot II continues to have good 1-4 lb. blackfish catches, a few sea bass and some 2½ lb. porgies to boot. Big fish of the week was for a Mr. Rodriguez of the Bronx with a 9½ lb. blackfish. The boat's evening trips have been good with diamond jigs on the blues in the 1-4 lb. range. Weakfish were good until mid-week when the trawlers wiped them out. These fish had been 6-10 lbs.

Everyone is still getting fluke, said Captain Butch of the Zephyr with the Tin Can Grounds and the Flats producing best but now only on certain stages of the tide. More catches are also being made now along the Jersey Coast of 1-5 lbs. but now you must have movement. Catches are now 12-16 keepers per man average. Saturday's high hook was 41 keeper fluke and lows range down to 3-4 keepers a man. Sunday's action was at Seabright with fish up to 4 lbs. Undisputed catch of the week on the boat was a 19-yr-old apprentice seaman who had been thrown off a containership on Thursday and was being carried out to sea by a quickly



Dom Lillo and Charley Hopkins pose with a 15 lb. striper caught in western Long Island Sound. It was checked at John's Gun & Tackle in New Rochelle.

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ebbing tide. Customers heard the sailor screaming for help. The skipper moved the boat to find where the sounds were coming from and the quickly tiring and grateful apprentice seaman was rescued from a watery grave.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** says lots of weakfish on the Tin Can

on bait tails, fish generally 8-12 lbs. Trolled umbrellas are getting lots of fish too. Plenty of blues being caught on the party boats working off Coney Island and off Seabright. Good fluke catches off the Coney Island flats and off Riis Park on sand eels and squid. Good catches of small porgies and snappers in the bay. Blueclaw crabs

have started and a few bass are being bellied at the VZ bridge and at the 69th St. Pier in the 5-6 lb. range.

Across the pond in **Staten Island**, Kevin in **Santos Sport Shop** tells us that Great Kills due to the fact that it is loaded with bunker is having tremendous bluefish and weakfish catches. Blues are running 1-4 lbs. and hitting small bunker chunks, Kastmasters and Hopkins. A lot of weakfish hittin whole live bunker. Catches are being made from boats or the beach. Good fluking during the days in this same area of Great Kills. Sand porgies hitting worms and clams in the same area.

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WESTERN SOUND

Nearly perfect weather and a variety of species made last weekend's fishing quite good in this area. Porgies are just starting, while black-fishing hangs on, and those who travel will find fine action for bluefish.

Th **New Rochelle** area itself was not too productive until Saturday morning when bluefish made a showing for deep water chunkers off Rye, according to **John's**.

City Island reports from **Jack's** suggested that porgy anglers needed only to wait a few days for action to improve in Oyster Bay, Hempstead Harbor and off Prospect Point. There were occasional bass and weaks and blues in the City Island area, while blackfishing and some flounder activity continued.

Dome Cerbone was still pleasing fares with 112-15 flounder per person on the **Apache**, sailing up to the Norwalk Islands. Fish were often in the 1 1/2 lb. class and blackfish were mixed in. The **Ebb Tide III** out of **City Island** and the **Lady Lil** from **Glen Cove** were concentrating on diamond jigging action for weaks and blues. Ed Helle-mann said that AVA 47s with green tails were working well and that he made some nice scores around Bayville.

Joe Fink has been travelling anywhere from Mamaroneck to buoy 9, Port Jefferson, to locate his weaks and blues with the **Lady Lil**. Blues were 3-6 lb. and the action has been good all day. Catches run from 5-25 fish per fare and Fink finds that neither tails nor teasers are necessary on the jigs (AVA 47s). Typical high hook catches were Bill Cisco's 37 blues (plus 2 weaks) on Thursday and Jim Wickers' 19 blues on Saturday.

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The **Ever Ready** out of **Huntington** has enjoyed excellent fishing on daytime trips, travelling to Kings Park. On Saturday, **Packy Collins** went east and found the bluefish in Mid-Sound where the boat enjoyed a good pick for nearly three hours. Some fish were 5-7 lbs. and average catches were around 12 per person. Night fishing seems to be off during slack and slow water periods, but the Cohens broke the spell on the **Packy IV** by fishing through the night early in the week. They accounted for 19 weaks and 2 blues at dawn and broke off a pair of bass. On Wednesday night, **Rich Lewis** loaded the boat with weaks by doing the same thing, fishing until daybreak. A daytime charter, **4AM-Noon**, gave **Doug Dimonda** 28 weaks from 5 lbs. up to 12 and 17 blues to 8 lbs.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** likes 2 oz. **Tiger Tails** just as well as the diamonds for weakfish. For those who sit and wait, shore line fishing can also be productive in the wee hours. Casting **Rebels** or floating worms does the trick. **Ronnie Ferraro** at **Ronnie's** said that many weekend anglers were looking for the weaks and blues 2 miles east of the platform and that a lot of 12 lb. weaks were actually weighed in. **Mark Rinaldo** weighed a 14 lb. weak and **Jim Placenti** showed up with a 32 lb. bass. **Pete Catalano** and **Rich Hawkins** weighed a group of 35-40 lb. bass taken on live eels at **Huntington Prop.**

The **Cedars** at **Huntington Prop** like the porgy action in **Valley Grove** and there were real 2 lb. scup brought in at **Ronnie's**. **George Valentine** saw porgies off **Cranes**, **Cold Spring**, and buoys 2-4 **Marshall Field**. **Dragger**

interference could post a problem, however. Fluking was reasonable off **Buoy 13** with many fish over 2½ lbs.

Bowman's in **Northport** said that everybody had fish by 8:30 a.m. Sunday in a flurry between the loading platform and **Asharoken**. The trick on weaks is to use a slow lift or bounce bottom on a very slow retrieve with **Tiger Tails** with no erratic jigging. Catches of 50-60 blues are not unusual inside the Bay where the fish sizes are 2-3 lbs. Offshore a distance of 4 miles or more are fish in the 6-7 lb. range and these can often be found right on top. Porgies were in **Makamah** in force some ¾ miles offshore.

The **Carafitis Station** in **Port Jefferson** was looking at some excellent porgy fishing off **Oldfield** with a lot of big fish, some to 2½ lbs. There were weakfish nights and early mornings off the **Pink House** and **Belle Terre**. Mixed with the 4-8 lb. weaks were 2-4 lb. blues. Drifters with sand eel/squid combos were scoring on fluke off **White Beach**.

John Fisher said that the **Aqua Gem** was sailing with capacity crowds daily and satisfying folks with 8-10 weaks per fare. **AVA 27s** with no tubes were raised 10-12 turns off the bottom for best results off **Miller Place** and **Mount Sinai**. This super fishing may go on for another couple of weeks.

Dick Brown at **Dick's** in **Mount Sinai** like the zone around buoys 9 and 11 and, although the average weakfish seems to be about 7 lbs., he has weighed some giants to 14. Blues, weaks and bass are featured off the

beaches for those who float worms or fish jelly worms at night. **Brown** suggests trying the fluke off the **Tower** and **Sand Beach**.

NORTH FORK

Marauding schools of weakfish and bluefish could be found anywhere from **Roanoke** out to the eastern tip of the **Fork** with daytime diamond action superb for those who find the fish. Sometimes the surfacing schools can be spotted; at other times, it's a case where electronics is needed. Overall porgy action is good, and some fluke continue to please.

Warren's in **Aquebogue** suggested 4 oz. AVAs with no tail and small green teasers, and mentioned a 12 lb. weak taken near **Coopers Rock**. By drifting with sand eel/squid combos toward the **Inlet** anglers could pick up some nice fluke as well, while porgy action was very good off the **Roanoke Beaches**.

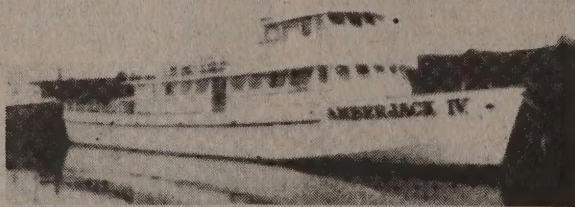
The **Lorias** at **Captain Marty's** reported very good porgy catches in the **Peconics** off the **Middle Grounds** and **Roses**, buoys 22 and 23, with some fish to 1½ lbs. Bunker or clam chum is advisable. It's also suggested that anglers bring large nets for the omnipresent weakfish to 10 lbs.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that the Sound porgies were spreading out now with the **Water Tower**, **Coopers**, and the **Motel** as likely spots. **Art White** at **A.P. White's Bait** in **Greenport** saw an excellent catch of several hundred

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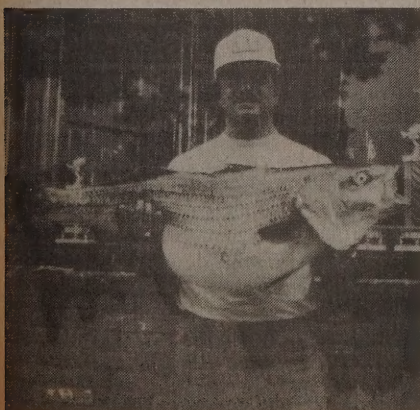
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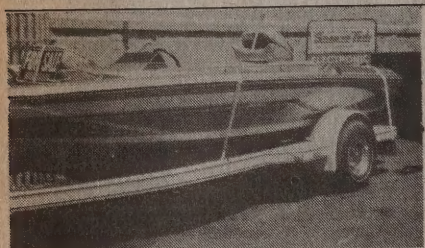


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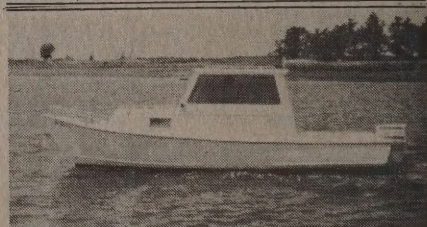
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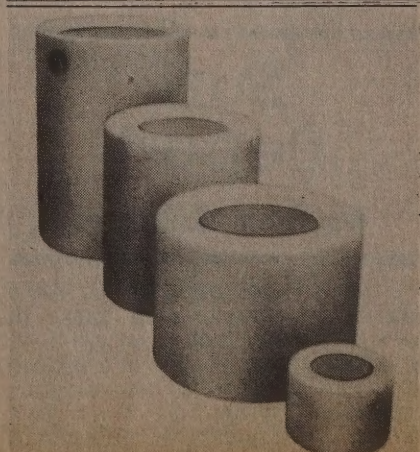
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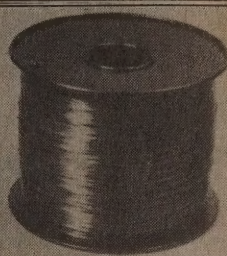
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scup taken by the Manolaskises in a private skiff further east. White suggests that there are now weaks and blues as far east as Rocky Point and Mulford, and the **Port of Egypt Station** confirmed that report. Their **East Marion** boats were concentrating on fluke and porgies, however. Many of the fluke are shorts and the best porgy action still seems to be north of Plum Island.

Smaller summer porgies are in the zone between Jessups and the Middle Grounds while larger fish can be found off South Ferry and Cedar Point. The Peconic bluefish west of buoy 17 are small tailors, but the weaks between buoys 16 and 17 may run 10 lbs.

Lori Mitchell weighed a pair of blues, 10 and 13 lbs., at White's in Greenport.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** said that the mix of blues and weaks varies from day to day with weakfish often the major catch. On Sunday, for example, Jensen recorded 57 weaks and 3 blues for his party. Weaks run 5-10 lbs. while blues are 2-5. There are a few slammers around to 12 lbs. and one 14 lb. weak was weighed by Jensen last week. Jigs in 4 oz. with green or red teasers were preferred.

Rod DeLisle of the **Prowler** called to say that he scored really well on Thursday with that mass of blues and weaks. DeLisle suggested that 6 oz. AVAs worked very well, too, for those who wanted to get down to the weakfish. Running George Porter's **Brand X**, DeLisle saw a 3½ lb. porgy in Sunday's catch. Most of the porgy action on the **Peconic Star** has been push and pull, but a couple of good mornings made the weekend for Dave Brennan off Gardiner's where a new body of fish seems to be building up.

The **Blue Albatross** has been pulling a mixed bag of flounder (the main catch), blackfish and porgies off New London for open boat weekday fares, according to Anna Rainis. On Saturday, the boat accounted for 80 blackfish for a charter of 10. This week, as an open boat, she'll be working blackfish at the tide turns and fluke for the rest of the day.

wall blues at Great Kills Park and described the action as a no miss situation in its current state. Small blues in the 1-4 pound class are falling to tins during the daylight hours while big blues in the 10-15 pound class ride herd on the bunker schools in the early AM, evening and nighttime hours. Big weakfish are mixed with the blues after dark and both are being taken predominately on bunker which are being snagged on the scene. To the west, word of a few big stripers coming off of Atlantic Beach jetties on bunker chunks.

A couple of sketchy reports from West end too reveal very little life in this area. There was a 22 pound striper taken at mid-day in the Gilgo surf on Saturday by a novice caster to the consternation of casters who spent long hours after dark looking for just such a fish. Some life at Democrat Point was revealed by Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center** in Oakdale who arrived too late Saturday night to get in on the action but did see a good number of fish taken by casters working incoming water. One caster known as "Red Beard" checked in 6 weaks to 7 pounds at **Wanser's Tackle Shop**. He told Lon that the fish were taken on sandworms in the Gilgo area.

Out in Shinnecock, Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait & Tackle** revealed that a couple of bass in the 30 pound range were taken over the weekend on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet. He thought the fish fell to sandworms.

Montauk continued to produce weakfish this week with wet suiters having a decided edge in the fishing. Both Joey Bragan Jr. & Sr. did well with 5-10 pound fish during the week on weakfish rock while other casters found fish on the high water turn at Shagwong. Sal Zanca who managed his share of weaks also had a 24 pound striper taken from the south side to show for his efforts.

The best of the North Shore surf action seems to be scattered along beaches between Center Island and Crane's Neck. Best weakfish action was found after dock on Tri-Fin eel worms and Rebel plugs while blues ranging anywhere from 2 to 7 pounds are being taken on tins in the early morning and evening hours.

Among the productive beaches have been Crab Meadow, Makamah and Sunken Meadow. Working east, the best action seems to be off the beach out of the range of surfmen. Instead, according to Stan Henschal of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, casters must content themselves with blues in the 1-3 pound range which move in and out mornings and evenings.

On the North Fork, Ed Kophak of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue, said that casters pick away at 2-5 pound blues and a few weaks to 8 pounds near Mattituck Inlet and Horton's Point. Most of the action is evenings and early morning on tins with a red gill trailer.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

It was another one of those weeks where surf reports were tough to come by but nonetheless we managed to piece together enough of a picture to know that weakfish and bluefish are making up the bulk of L.I. Surf action, particularly on mid-North Shore Beaches and down at Staten Island.

Kevin Koncelik of **Santos Sport Shop** in Staten Island reported wall to

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...-0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
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FRI.	4:05	4:40	4:45	5:30	4:25	5:10	5:50	6:15	7:20	7:45	7:30	7:55	4:10	4:45	7/16
SAT.	5:15	5:45	5:50	6:30	5:40	6:20	6:50	7:10	8:30	8:50	8:30	8:55	5:15	5:40	7/17
SUN.	6:20	6:40	6:50	7:25	6:45	7:15	7:45	8:05	9:35	9:55	9:35	9:55	6:10	6:30	7/18
MON.	7:15	7:35	7:50	8:20	7:50	8:10	8:40	8:55	10:45	10:55	10:30	10:50	7:05	7:30	7/19
TUE.	8:10	8:25	8:45	9:10	8:45	9:05	9:35	9:50	11:45	11:55	11:30	11:45	8:00	8:20	7/20
WED.	9:00	9:20	9:40	10:05	9:40	9:55	10:30	10:45	—	12:40	—	12:20	8:50	9:15	7/21
THUR.	9:55	10:10	10:35	11:00	10:35	10:50	11:20	11:40	12:55	1:35	12:40	1:15	9:40	10:05	7/22

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	-0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	-0 34
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MANASQUAN INLET	-0 12
Seaside Park	-0 33
Manloloing zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	-0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	-0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
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Grassy Bay	+1 08
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Atlantic City Pier	-0 26
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GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
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SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
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Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
Democrat Point	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
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Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
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Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42
Falkner Island	-0 13
Sachem Head	-0 10
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New Haven Harbor	-0 08
Millford Harbor	-0 07
Stratford	+0 27
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Black Rock Harbor	-0 03
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Gardiners Bay	+0 21
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Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13
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Tiverton	+0 21
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Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	-0 08
Point Judith Harbor	-0 07
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Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	-0 14
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7/21	5:42	8:30
7/22	5:43	8:29

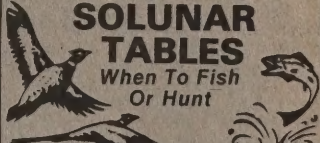
Moonrise/Moonset

7/16	1:49AM	4:06PM
7/17	2:28AM	5:19PM
7/18	3:15AM	6:30PM
7/19	4:11AM	7:37PM
7/20	5:16AM	8:36PM
7/21	6:28AM	9:24PM
7/22	7:41AM	10:06PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
			
7/20	7/27	7/6	7/14

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SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt



The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original **KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES**. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1 1/2 to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:45	6:50	12:55	7:15
Fri.	1:30	7:35	1:45	8:05
Sat.	2:20	8:25	2:35	8:55
Sun.	3:10	9:20	3:30	9:55
Mon.	4:10	10:20	4:20	10:50
Tues.	5:10	11:20	5:30	11:50
Wed.	6:05	—	6:35	12:25
Thurs.	7:10	12:55	7:45	1:30

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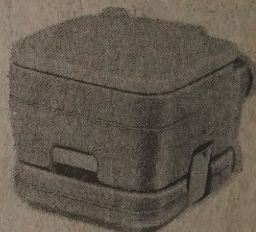


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